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Europe Hovering Between Peace & War

Fear Of A Nazi 'Coup' Before Reich Meeting

Chamberlain On Talks With Powers

'No Specific Engagements With Holland, Switzerland And Denmark, But Britain Greatly Interested In Preservation Of Their Independence

Interpellations In Commons

President Roosevelt's peace gesture has not eased the European tension.

While Washington hails Hitler's decision to summon the Reichstag as an index of proper response, Paris sees in the delay uptil April 28 a Nazi diplomatic play for time to bring about another 'Coup' at Danzig before the Reich meets.

Fascist press is persistently hostile to U. S. proposals.

Meanwhile, Franco's despatch of a large number Of Moorish troops to Spanish Morocco, coupled with the announcement of the impending German Fleet exercises off the Spanish Coast. has caused a stir in Paris as an attempt towards an Axis coup against Tangier, though official circles discount such a possibility.

Not content with his appeal to Dictators, Mr. Roosevelt has summoned his Brain's Trust to discuss the position as it would be affected by the outbreak of hostilities.

The European crisis loomed large during the question hour in the House of Commons.

QUESTIONED REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, MR. CHAMBERLAIN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENTERED INTO NO SPECIFIC ENGAGEMENTS WITH HOLLAND, SWITZERLAND AND DENMARK, BUT HE ADDED, "IT IS UNNECESSARY FOR ME TO INSIST ON THE INTERESTS WHICH HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE IN THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE."

THE PREMIER ANSWERING MR. C. R. ATTLEE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO HAVE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING RUSSIA, BUT HE COULD NOT YET SUPPLEMENT HIS STATEMENT MADE ON APRIL 13.

Mr. Chamberlain added, "I should like to take the opportunity of informing the House of the great satisfaction with which the Government welcomed the recent initiative of President Roosevelt."

Mr. Chamberlain's reference to the United States was received with prolonged cheering.

PROVISION FOR NEW COMMITMENTS

LONDON, April 18.

In the House of Commons, asked whether he was in a position to announce any new measures designed to increase British ability to discharge the recently extended commitments, Mr. Chamberlain replied that steps were being taken both to accelerate and widen the basis of production, with a view to providing increased war potential, bearing in mind the increased demand which it was provident to anticipate, in view of the recent developments.

Replying to a question on a ministry of supply, Mr. Chamberlain intimated that he would make a statement on the subject in the near future.—Reuter.

ANGLO-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, April 18.

Negotiations between Turkey and Britain arising out of the guarantee to Balkan countries are proceeding amicably,—it is stated authoritatively to-day.

It is unlikely that the Premier will announce a guarantee to Turkey to-day.—Reuter.

Bulgarian Minister For Sofia

LONDON, April 18.

The Bulgarian Minister in London left London to-day for Sofia for consultation with the Bulgarian Prime Minister.—Reuter.

MAISKY FLIES TO MOSCOW

M. Maisky left by air "en route" to Moscow whither he has been

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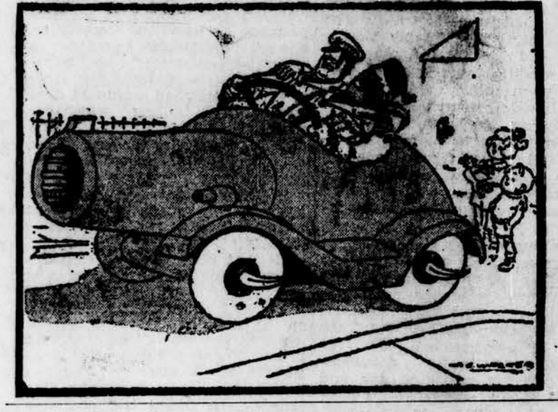
THE TWO FRONT-SEAT DRIVERS



Unsuited Engines Dumped On India

Mount's Committee Pleads For "Swadeshi" In Locomotives

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, April 18.

I understand that the report of Col. Mount's Committee to enquire into the Bihta Railway accident has been forwarded to the Government of India.

UNSUITED TO INDIA

The Report, it is understood, states that the designs of the Locomotive Engines supplied to India were definitely defective.

They were unsuited to the Railway tracks in India as Indian tracks are not so firm as those in Britain.

Plea For Indigneous Locomotives

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR MANUFACTURE OF LOCOMOTIVES IN INDIA IN ORDER TO GIVE EXPERIENCE TO INDIA IN THAT RESPECT.

Employ Educated Jobless

Another recommendation suggests the possibilities of employing unemployed graduates and other educated men on railway lines if necessary even as gangmen.

It is believed that the report is unanimous.

ROOSEVELT PREPARES

Summons Brain Trust To Discuss Threatening Situation

WASHINGTON, April 18.

President Roosevelt summoned his Chief Financial and Economic Advisers, including Mr. Morgenthau, Mr. H. A. Wallace, Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Eccles Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and Mr. Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for a discussion of the whole subject of world trade, as it would be affected by the outbreak of hostilities. Plans for the conduct of American security and commodity markets in the event of a European war are among the subjects to be discussed during departmental conversations.

A Bill authorising the expenditure of 277 million dollars for improving and enlarging the Panama Canal was approved by the Merchant Marine Committee of Representatives.—Reuter.

Yet More Money For Arms Sanctioned

WASHINGTON, April 17.

The Senate has passed the 152 Million Dollar Deficiency Appropriation Bill which include provision of 110 million dollars for army equipment such as semi-automatic rifles, tanks, anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns, gas-masks, artillery and ammunition.—Reuter.

RENTS IN BOMBAY AND AHMEDABAD

Committee Recommends Sane Control

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Control of rents for residential buildings in the cities of Bombay and Ahmedabd to a certain extent is necessary is one of the recommendations of the Rent Control Committee which was appointed by the Government of Bombay and submitted its report today.

The Committee was asked to enquire in particular into the rents prevailing in the buildings occupied by the middle and poor classes of people in industrial cities.

Evidence was collected by the Committee in Bombay Ahmedabad and Sholapur.

NEUTRALITY ACT PROVISIONS

WASHINGTON, April 18.

Senator Pittman disclosed that "the cash and carry" provisions of the Neutrality Act will probably be allowed to expire on April 30 despite the European crisis.

Senator Pittman previously stated that the provisions might be extended. but the enactment of a revised version would be sought.

It is learned authoritatively that Mr. Pittman intends to ask the Congress later to impose restrictions on United States trade with Japan because of the alleged Japanese violation of the Nine-Power Treaty.—Reuter.

Thakore Saheb Challenges Mahatma's Nominees

New Turn In Rajkot Crisis

AMBEDKAR TO INTERVIEW MAHATMA

Bhayats And Girasias Threaten To Hold Up Work Of Committee

RAJKOT, April 18.

The Thakore Saheb has rejected six out of the seven nominees of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the Reforms Committee.

IN HIS REPLY TO THE LETTER OF GANDHIJI OF APRIL 16, THE THAKORE SAHEB STATES:—

"I REGRET VERY MUCH TO STATE THAT, IN SPITE OF WHAT I WROTE TO YOU, NO REPRESENTATION WHATSOEVER ON THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GRANTED TO MUSLIMS, BHAYATS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPRESSED CLASSES ON THE COMMITTEE."—United Press.

AMBEDKAR SEES THAKORE

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT, April 18.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar who arrived here this morning in order to study the Harijan problems is returning to Bombay to-morrow. The Doctor interviewed the Thakore Saheb to-night and will see Gandhiji to-morrow.

In the evening prominent Muslim leaders and Bhayats met him and discussed how their negotiations with Gandhiji for representation of their interest in the Reforms Committee broke down.

Dr. Ambedkar was also closeted with Mr. Virawalla this evening.

It is understood that Dr. Ambedkar will issue a note on the Rajkot question in the light of his discussions with various communities in Rajkot.

GANDHIJI SUGGESTS BOMBAY JUDGE

RAJKOT, April 18.

A fresh hitch threatens to arise in beginning the work of the Reforms Committee.

The Bhayats and Girasias urge in the course of a letter to Gandhiji that the Reforms Committee should not proceed with its task till the dispute over their representation is settled and an award is given by the Chief Justice, Sir Maurice Gwyer.

Gandhiji replied to the President of the Girasia Association that if they really desired to have a decision on the matter, they could have it in two days. He reiterated his opinion that Sir Maurice should not be troubled. If he was prepared, he (Gandhiji) would be glad but on that pretext he could not agree to time being lost. He again suggested that they might arrange to have a judge of Bombay appointed.

"It would be intolerable," he adds, "if the work of the Committee is postponed for the sake of a panch."

LEGAL ADVISER'S OPINION.

"Although I regard his qualifications and the recommendations made by Sardar Patel, I write to say that according to the opinion of Legal Adviser of the State, only one gentleman out of the seven happens to be subject of the Rajkot State. The other six do not happen to enjoy that status.

"I am, therefore, to request you to let me know in detail the grounds on which you hold them to be fit for appointment on the Reforms Committee."—United Press

AMBEDKAR AS STATE GUEST

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, April 18.

Doctor Ambedkar arrived from Bombay this morning by air and was received by some Girasias at the aerodrome. He was taken to the state guest house in a state car.

Khwaji Hassan Nizami who also arrived with Dr. Ambedkar was received at Anandkunj by Mahatmaji this morning and had of talk with Mahatmaji for an hour.

Kumari Mridulaben came this morning by air from Bombay to see Bapuji and is leaving for Ahmedabad to-night.

Correspondence between Girasias and Gandhiji which was released to the press last night is still going on.

BONUS IS PART OF WAGES

Important Decision Of Ahmedabad Judge

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 18.

Mr. I. C. Munsiff, Assistant Judge, Ahmedabad, has dismissed the appeal of Mr. B. K. Mazumdar, Manager, Arvind Mills of Ahmedabad against Mr. K. R. Gadgil, Inspector, under the Payment of Wages Act. The question for consideration was whether regular attendance given by the mill bonus was included in the term "wages" and whether its deduction contravened the provisions of Sections 7 and 9 of the Payment of Wages Act. The learned Judge held that bonus is included in the term "wages" and its deduction contravened the provisions of the Act.

Hard Hunt For Satraps

From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 18.

It is the growing belief here that Lord Zetland, Secretary of State for India, finds increasing difficulty in securing men from the ranks of British politicians willing to undertake the Governorship of Bengal by sacrificing their political career at home.

It is, therefore, generally felt that the present Acting Governor, who is an I. C. S. and doing "brilliantly", may be confirmed in the appointment.

SARDAR BACK IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, April 18.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel accompanied by Miss Maniben Patel arrived in Bombay this evening.—United Press.

"Gungadin" IN BOMBAY

Alleged Anti-Indian Film To Be Seen By Censors Today

It is reliably understood that "Gungadin", the American film which is alleged to be a slander on India, and which was recently banned in Bengal, will be seen by the Bombay Board of Film Censors. to-day (Wednesday), at 8-30 a.m. at Regal Cinema.

In this connection it will be recalled that the Hon. Mr. K. M. Munshi, the Home Minister to Bombay Government, had stated in the Assembly that no such film would be passed without the previous permission of the Government.

(An article on "Gungadin" appears on Page 10.)

Beware Of 'Disruptive Catastrophe'

Tagore And Ray Issue Appeal To Mahatma And Bose To Meet And Settle Differences

CALCUTTA, April 18.

Sir P. C. Ray has wired to Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose appealing to them to arrange a meeting between them before the All-India Congress Committee meeting and "save India from disruptive catastrophe" at this critical moment."

Dr. Rabindranath Tagore has also sent a similar telegram to both Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Bose.—A. P.

"GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIA"

JHARIA, April 18.

Mr. Subhas Bose, the Congress President, expresses gratification in a statement issued to the Associated Press to-day at the fact that his ideas of an ultimatum and preparation for struggle for independence being endorsed by Indians living abroad.

He adds: "How I wish we in India would realise what a golden opportunity is now before us. I am sorry we have not yet shown any signs that we are going to avail ourselves of this opportunity."—A. P.

ATTEND A. I. C. C. MEETING WITHOUT FAIL

MADRAS, April 18.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose. Congress President, has finally informed the President of the Tamil Nad Provincial Congress Committee to-day that it is not possible for him to alter the dates already fixed for the A.I.C.C. meeting repeating reasons he gave for his inability to do so in his telegram sent last week.

In view of this the President of the Tamil Nad Provincial Congress Committee has instructed the members of the A.I.C.C. to attend without fail the A.I.C.C. meeting on April 29 at Calcutta. If any member cannot attend, the President has asked him to resign so that a new member can be elected at the meeting of the Provincial Congress Committee to be held at Karaikudi on April 23.

It is understood that Dr. T. S S. Rajan, Minister for Public Health, has resigned his membership of the A.I.C.C. The Tamil Nad Provincial Congress Committee will elect a member in his place at its meeting in Karaikudi. —United Press.

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(3) Construction of Quarters for the Asstt. Dean and two M.O.'s of K.E.M. Hospital, Parel.
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The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK.
City Engineer.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 17th April, 1939.

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The applications should reach the undersigned not later than 10th May 1939 and should give full particulars of age, caste, nationality, qualifications, experience, appointments held etc. They must be accompanied by true copies of certificates, documentary evidence regarding age and details of any research work done by the candidates. If required, applicants may be called for a personal interview at their own cost.

Canvassing by direct or indirect methods will disqualify the candidates for appointment.

W. J JENKINS,
Director of Agriculture,
Bombay Province,
Poona.

Poona, 12th April 1939.

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NOTICE TO SANITARY CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED by the State Engineer, Morvi State, Morvi for carrying out Drainage & Sanitary and Water Supply Works to the New Palace at Morvi.

2. Copies of tender form, specification and schedule of quantities may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of Rs. 10 per copy and any further information during office hours.

3. Tenders must be returned to the Architects' Office on or before 12 o'clock (S.T.) on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd May, 1939. A cash deposit of Rs. 2,500 should be deposited in Morvi Treasury and the receipt should be produced at the time of submitting the tender.

4. The State Engineer, Morvi State, Morvi reserves the right of accepting the lowest of any tender.

GREGSON, BATLEY & KING.
Chartered Architects.
Chartered Bank Building,
Bombay, 17th April, 1939.

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GREGSON, BATLEY & KING,
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Bombay, 17th April 1939.

17.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MISSING DOCUMENTS.

Re: IMPROVEMENT TRUST LALBAUG ESTATE, PLOT NO. 2, CADASTRAL SURVEY NO. 26/74, PAREL DIVISION.

The Agreement of Lease, dated the 14th September, 1915, and the Indenture of Lease, dated the 3rd day of September 1918, both documents made between the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay of the one part and Enus Kondaji and Haroon Kondaji of the other part, relating to the abovementioned property more particularly described hereunder have been missing or mislaid since 1919 and no person has any right to withhold possession of the said documents nor has any person any right, title or interest in the abovementioned property by way of mortgage, charge, equitable security, lease, lien, inheritance or otherwise howsoever. Any person having possession of the documents is required to forthwith communicate with the undersigned and to hand over the documents to them. Any person claiming any interest in the said property by way of mortgage, charge, equitable security or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to communicate the same to the undersigned within 14 days from to-day, failing which our client, Mr. Kondaji Bapuji, the present owner of the property, will complete the sale of the property without reference to any such alleged claim, which will then be considered to have been waived.

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Dated this 18th day of April, 1939.

HIRALAL M. MEHTA & CO.,
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244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
8-0 a.m. Dadras 8-20 News in English 8-30 Thumri 12-30 p.m. AIR Quartet 12-35 H Khan Mastana 12-50 Lure of Lawni 12-54 Sarangs 1-0 Market rates 1-10 Guru Rao Deshpande of Dharwar 1-30 Music 3-30 Diddies in duets 3-45 Marathi Bhavgeets 4-0 Ladio ploglam 4-15 String music 6-0 Jyotsna Bhole of Poona 6-30 For Bhumijan 7-30 Commercial news 7-45 Jyotsna Bhole of Poona 8-0 Trusts and charities—Parsee (Hindustani) 8-15 Vakil Hindustani comedy, by late Aga Hashr 8-45 H Khan Mastana 8-55 Swing it 9-0 News in Hindustani 9-15 Guru Rao Deshpande 9-30 News in English 9-45 World affairs by H V Hodson (from BBC) 10-0 Pandit Madhavlal A Sitar Solo: Hamir 10-25 Guru Rao Deshpande.

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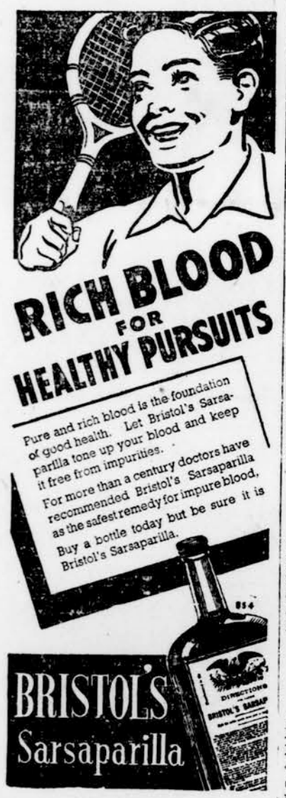
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Bombay—II Programme

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61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
6-0 to 6-30 p.m. As in Bombay I. 6-30 Purvi on Sarod 6-40 Manohar Kapur 6-55 Flute recital 7-5 Char-Gharanon-ki-Gayki 7-20 Manohar Kapur 7-30 to 9-50 As in Bombay I 9-50 Records 10-5 Seven ages of man 10-30 Egidio Verga: Violoncello recital 10-45 Mario Pagliarin: Pianoforte recital 11-0 Epilogue.

Calcutta—I Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)
12-30 p. m. Orchestra. 1-30 School Broadcast. 1-50 Musical Interlude. 2-0 School Broadcast (Contd.) 2-15 Three Light Songs. 4-50 Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament commentary by Bertie Meyer. 5-45 For the Countryside. 6-30 Reba Mazumdar. 6-45 Nirmal Kumar Bhattacharya. 7-0 Malayer Madhur Neshay. 7-45 Dwijen Chowdhuri. 8-5 Speed and progress (Bengali) by Dr. Prosanto Mohalonabis. 9-10 Dance Music. 9-30 Selection from Shakespeare by L. Newman. 9-45 Purple Bedroom.

Calcutta—II Programme

31.48 metres (9,530 kc/s)
12-30 to 2-30 As in Calcutta 1.
61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)
4-50 to 10-30 As in Calcutta 1.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)
5-0 p. m. Mrs. Krishnaswami Iyengar: Violin. 5-45 Carnatic Orchestra 'Hari kambodi'. 6-0 V. N. Sitarama Iyer Vocal. 6-45 Shrimati L. Lakshmi: Veena. 7-15 D. D. and T. T. (Tamil) by Dr. P. S. Lokanathan. 7-30 Rajagopala Sharma of Turaiyur: Vocal. 8-30 Shrimati N. Kesi: Flute. 9-20 Automata by D. M. Reid. 9-35 Rajagopala Sharma of Turaiyur: Vocal. 10-0 Shrimati N. Kesi: Flute.

Madras—II Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)
5-0 to 6-0 As in Madras 1. 6-0 Purana Kalakshepam. 6-15 Model Tanneries in Villages (Telugu) 6-30 to 9-35 As in Madras 1. 9-35 Dream World. 9-50 Gertrud Rosenbaum Violin. 10-10 Phyllis Morton: Soprano. 10-30 Epilogue.

Lahore—Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)
6-0 Ferozabai of Lahore. 6-20 Instrumental Duet. 6-30 Desh Bandhu Sethi. 6-45 Ferozabai of Lahore. 7-0 For Countryside. 7-45 Addicts: (Hindustani) by Sufi Ghulam Mustafa Tabassum. 8-0 Desh Bandhu Sethi. 8-20 Ferozabai of Lahore. 8-40 Interlude. 8-55 Desh Bandhu Sethi. 9-50 Plato's Republic: by G. C. Chatterji. 10-5 Khursheedbai Hujruwali. 10-15 Haidar Bakhsh. 10-20 Ferozabai of Lahore. 10-40 Khursheedbai Hujruwali.

Peshawar Programme

200 metres (1,500 kc/s)
7-0 p.m. Announcements in Pashto 8-0 to 11-0 As in Delhi I.

Lucknow—Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)
6-0 p. m. Bhimpalasi and Multani. 6-7 Raghunath Rao of Allahabad. 6-30 Mannabai of Allahabad. 6-45 Bireshwar Chatterji. 7-0 For Children. 7-30 Mannabai of Allahabad. 7-50 Raghunath Rao of Allahabad. 8-10 Pageant of Urdu Poetry. 8-20 Instrumental Trio. 8-30 Samjhauta (Hindustani) by Shaukat Thanvi. 8-55 Mannabai of Allahabad. 9-50 Bireshwar Chatterji. 10-10 Raghunath Rao of Allahabad. 10-30 Mannabai of Allahabad.

B. B. C. Programme

7-30 B B C Empire Orchestra. 8-30 History of Jews, 1. by J. W. Parkes. 8-45 Walford Hyden Balalaika Quartet. 9-0 Cosmopolitan Four. 9-30 News. 9-45 World Affairs by H. V. Hodson. 10-0 Dance Music. Henry Hall and his Orchestra. 10-25 Sports news and market notes.

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DID HE GO TO SEE THESE RUINS?

Dr. Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, viewing the ruins of Neopolis in Athens. Was it love of archaeology that brought him to Greece?

While Schacht Sees India

Goering On Secret Mission In Italy

Goebbels, Too, Out Of Germany To Prepare New Propaganda Schemes

At about the same time that Doctor Schacht set out to see the beauty spots of India, two other German tourists left their homeland to see the famous sights of other countries. They are—Goering, Prussian Militarist, and Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda Minister.

In the following article reproduced from "Sunday Referee," Madame Tabouis, the famous French political writer, reveals the real aims of these tours.

Tragic conclusions are to be drawn from a study of missions of Goering and Goebbels.

Goering is getting ready for an attack on the democracies, an attack to be launched by the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo-Burgos front.

Goebbles is preparing a follow-up to Goering's plans, that is to say two new propaganda schemes that Hitler has ordered him to put into action as soon as Goering's mission is complete.

Goering has gone to Italy, which is no more than a German colony now, in order to supervise the control of the Italian army. It is to be encircled by German technicians and officers from the smallest unit to the largest. The mobilisation of the Reichswehr on the Alpine frontier has just been completed.

For some time the feelings of General Pariani, the Italian Chief of Staff, have prevented him from giving up this frontier to the German troops. Goering, however, has had his way in the end.

INSPECTING ITALIAN TROOPS

It is estimated that there are about 100,000 German troops now on the frontier.

Further, Goering is inspecting the airfields, and calling almost daily for new German squadrons for Italy. He reckons the air defence of the coast towns and of Rome are inadequate.

He says the war material and heavy artillery are also to be strengthened by German technicians.

Finally, he is getting ready to go from Calabria, Southern Italy, to Tripoli to inspect the Italian troops in Libya, and examine whether they are in a position to make a swift attack on the French. Marshal Balbo thinks they need 300,000 more men for this.

Goering has also just arranged to send 60,000 Italians to Rhodes Island, which is in the Dodecanese group, off the coast of Turkey. These men are fully equipped as an expeditionary force. Where are they to be sent? Against Syria, against Egypt, or against Palestine? No one knows yet, but there is great anxiety in Greece over them.

Goering is in active co-operation with Berlin over the dispatch to Libya of German colonial troops. Last week 28,000 Germans, equipped for colonial service, crossed Italy. They were going to Libya.

Meanwhile the German Colonial Office, at Goering's request, issued orders for the engagement of doctors and German Colonial officials, and for contracts to be signed binding them to be ready to leave with their families towards the end of June so as to be at their posts by the middle of July.

The secret orders are that Germany one way or another is to be on a new footing in her old colonies by that time.

Goering is in day and night telephone touch with Hitler. By arrangement with him the day before yesterday he cancelled the new plan of attack against Poland that had been formed.

Now as a counter thrust to the Anglo-Polish agreement, he is arranging for the German armies to enter Poland at two points—the Polish Corridor and Silesia.

In Germany it is thought that the Poles will not resist at once, or, at any rate, that the French will not bother if Germany promises not to invade their country.

That is the scheme of things Goering has outlined to Hitler. In a word, Goering is organising a devastating attack by the four Powers.

General Franco, that is to say the Italian and German troops in Spain, will attack the British at Gibraltar and the French at the Pyrenees.

The Italians will possibly launch attacks in Libya and Tunis, and in any case will bombard the Anglo-French forces in the Mediterranean.

The Germans will make a shattering attack across Holland. At the same time an attack will be launched in the Polish Corridor and in Silesia.

HATED IN ITALY

Hitler and Goering have decided that if they launch a savage and swift attack the democracies will give in and accede to the Axis claims rather than have a terrible war.

Goering is the most hated man in Italy. His officers overrun the country. They wear two armlets, one the swastika and the other with the words "Italian army." These officers treat the people with contempt. They pay for no goods they buy, not even their cafe bills.

BERLIN—BERLIN AXIS

The people's anger is evident. The famous Futurist Academician Marinetti has said: "I am in favour of the Rome-Berlin axis, I believe in the Berlin-Rome axis, but as for the Berlin-Berlin axis, as imagined by Marshal Goering—not on your life!"

Goebbles' mission in the Balkans and the Levant is another side to the affair. Hitler has ordered him to prepare two propaganda plans. One is to be applied during a general war, the other is to be put into action if the democracies give in.

At present Goebbels is accompanied by a score of officers from his Propaganda Ministry, and is recruiting men little by little everywhere—in Athens, in the rest of the Balkans, and in the Levant.

A fortnight ago Hitler, presiding over a council of the Propaganda Ministry, told Goebbels roughly: "The present propaganda methods are no more use for Germany's aims, Goering has his army orders. It remains for you to prepare new propaganda plans for the glorious days to come."

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AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY: Tuesday.

The story of how a married girl picked up a quarrel with her husband to go back to her former lover was narrated in the Girgaum Court to-day. The girl's lover, who is now in custody, arranged, it is alleged, to meet her on Sunday night at a certain place. To keep up the appointment the girl quarrel with her husband and left his protection. When she was under the temporary protection of her parents she, it is alleged, disappeared from her parents' custody at midnight and met the accused as previously arranged. Her absence made her people suspect.

The girl was sent to the Police Surgeon to ascertain her age. The accused has also been sent for examination. He was remanded to Police Custody till the 25th instant.

JAILED FOR SOLICITING.

Rajaram Narshaya (28), alleged to be a pimp, was arrested by Dy. Inspector Parulekar of the Vigilance Branch on the night of the 8th April near Agripada police station. He is stated to have solicited for girls on Lamington Road and taken a bogus customer to a prostitute for Rs 15. He is alleged to be the leader of pimps who gather in front of Imperial Cinema. He was charged with soliciting for prostitution and was placed before Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon, and was sentenced to three monthss R. I. to-day.

Gambling Convictions

Gulab Umed and Jarsukhlal who had been arrested on March 3, for carrying on gambling operations in the Arya Samaj Building at Kakadwadi, were sentenced by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court, Bombay, on April 11.

The Magistrate finding the accused guilty, sentenced each of them to one month's rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 200 or in default to suffer one month's further rigorous imprisonment.

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

(IN FORCE FROM APRIL 1, 1939)

Arrivals at and Departures from Victoria Terminus.

	Arr. H.M	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	6 00	22 10
Peshawar Lucknow (Exp.)	6 15	23 00
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	7 51	17 40
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9 15	20 45
Madras Express	10 15	15 00
Poona Mail	10 30	17 30
Punjab Mail	11 40	18 45
Nagpur Express	14 5	21 25
Poona Fast (Pass)	16 50	11 50
Poona Express	19 32	8 05
Allahabad Express	20 25	7 00
*Deccan Queen	10 35 Mon.	17 15 Fri.

*Will not run until after end of April 1939, except before and after important holidays.

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Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13 50
Delhi Express	6 00	22 15
Gujarat Mail	6 45	22 00
Kathiawar Mail	7 25	21 30
Frontier Mail	8 15 (Mon	21 15 (Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9 48	15 10
The Flying Ranee, Surat	10 58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	22 30
Kathiawar Express	18 45	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 33	9 25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

ARRIVALS AT BALLARD PIER

	Arr.
Frontier Mail (On Saturdays only for Homeward Passengers)	8 40

AIR SERVICES

The following air mail time table is in force in Bombay:

London—Bombay (Juhu)

Planes call at Karachi, Bhuj and Ahmedabad.

Arrivals at Juhu, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.

Delivery: Monday (two deliveries) 8 a.m. and 3-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3-30 p.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—London

Planes call at Ahmedabad, Bhuj and Karachi.

Latest hours of posting at the G.P.O.:—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 7-30 a.m. Departures from Juhu 10-15 a.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—Colombo

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Bombay—Trivandrum—Trichinopoly

Planes call at Goa, Cannanore and Trivandrum.

Departures from Juhu Monday 8 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu: Wesdnesday, 3-15 p.m.

Bombay—Poona—Kolhapur

Departures from Juhu: Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 7-30 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu:—Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon.

Departures from Juhu: Monday a Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon.

Departure from Juhu 1-30 p.m.

Colombo—Bombay (Juhu)

Arrivals at Juhu: sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9-45 a.m. Delivery: Sunday 12-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1 p.m.

Bombay (via Calcutta)—Singapore and Australia

Latest hour of posting:—Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Australia—Bombay (via Calcutta)

Delivery: Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Bombay (via Calcutta)—Hongkong China and Japan

Latest hour of posting: Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Hongkong—Bombay (via Calcutta)

Delivery: Tuesday and Saturday 1 p.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—Delhi

Planes call at Indore, Bhopal and Gwalior.

Departures from Juhu: Monday and Thursday, 6-30 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday and Tuesday 1 55 p.m.

Bombay—Kathiawar

Planes call at Bhavnagar, Rajkot Jamnagar and Porebunder.

Aga Khan Hockey

Bhopal Wanderers Pass Into The Final

Cautioned By Referee Several Times For Obstructionist Tactics

In their third meeting, the Bhopal Wanderers scored a victory over Kirkee United by the odd goal in three.

There were no less than seven occasions where the referees had to caution the Bhopal men for intentional obstructionist tactics and body play, and no fewer than four others went unnoticed; and the frequency with which they indulged in these unsportsmanlike tactics created such a revulsion of feeling in the spectators that there were repeated cries of "turn him off the field!", emanating from both stands.

This detracted somewhat from the enjoyment of a game which was otherwise a most interesting one and a decided improvement on last Sunday's display. A fast pace was maintained throughout, and although the Kirkee forwards held a territorial advantage during the major part of play, they lacked that finesse which attended the doings of the opposing quintette.

MUNEER'S MAGNIFICENT SOLO EFFORT

Muneer was once again the hero of the day, and the winning goal he notched for the Bhopal side a minute before the close after hoodwinking everything that came his way from midfield onwards will go down in the annals of the Aga Khan as the most brilliant solo effort seen.

THE GAME

In the third minute after commencement Ahmed Sher lost a golden opportunity when he shot wide after receiving a pass from the left in an unmarked position, and then K. Nimal did the same for Kirkee when a first-timer from off a pass from the right went yards away from the Bhopal goal. A period of quick approaches to each goal followed, but there was little testing of the goal-keepers. In the 15th minute, however, Shakoor reversed a wee but wide when the Kirkee Goalie had left his charge, this narrow miss being preceded by a very fine piece of short-passing by Bhopal's inner trio. Kirkee then took up the offensive for a good ten minutes, during which Dadge missed what should have been a certain goal, the ball whizzing away from the Bhopal goal by inches and then when play reverted to the Kirkee area in the last two minutes, Siri opened Bhopal's account when, after obtaining possession near the circle and eluding a defender, scored from close range. (1—0).

The second half saw Kirkee monopolise exchanges, but the Bhopal defenders put the most questionable tactics into operation, and obstructed Tyrell and G. Nimal again and again. In the 10th minute, however, Kirkee were rewarded with the equaliser when Tyrell broke through and effected a clean pass to K. Nimal who found the corner of the Bhopal goal with a shot that went bouncing (1—1). Bhopal continued their tactics despite several cautionings, and it was obvious that Kirkee would not be permitted the benefit of a lead despite the pressure they were exerting. In the last minute, Muneer obtained for Bhopal their undeserved win when, after sprinting down from the centre and eluding one defender after another, scored the most magnificent of goals all on his own (2—1).

RESULT:—

Bhopal Wanderers	2 goals
Kirkee United	1 goal

The Teams:—

BHOPAL WANDERERS: Bostan Khan; Ismail and Ahsan; Saghir, Qavi and Kifayat; Ahmed Sher, Siri, Shakoor, Muneer and Nazir.

KIRKEE UNITED: Pepper, J. M Phillips and Edmund; Gaikwad, B. Nimal and Martis; Dadge, K. Nimal, Tyrell, G. Nimal and Amor.

TO-DAY'S FINALS (5-45 P. M.)

Bhagwant Club vs. Bhopal Wanderers. His Excellency Sir Roger Lumley will witness the game and give away the trophy. The City Police Band will play a programme of music from 4-45 p. m. and those occupying seats in the Committee stands are requested to be in the stands 15 minutes before the commencement of play.

JOE LOUIS RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Jack Roper Knocked Out In First Round

LOS ANGELES, April 17.

Joe Louis had little difficulty in retaining the world's Heavyweight Championship, to-night at Los Angeles, when he knocked-out Jack Roper in the 1st round of a scheduled 10-round bout before a crowd of 20,000, which included filmstars and old-time boxers.

George Blake referee gave lengthy instructions and both started cautiously. Roper opened with a left to the chin and Louis with a left to the body.

Roper scored a left hook. Both were cautious until Louis staggered Roper with a stiff left. Roper seemed willing to make the fight and pummelled Louis for a brief period.

Louis sent in a stinging left cutting Roper's left eye. The champion jumped in with a terrific two-fisted attack and dropped Roper with a punch to the jaw.

The challenger attempted to rise, but collapsed face downwards.

The referee counted him out. The fight lasted 2 minutes, 20 seconds.—Reuter.

Nadkarni Football

Tale Of Missed Chances

Last Minute Goal Brings 'Staff' Victory

With the decision last evening of the only remaining quarter-final in the Nadkarni Football Tournament the stage is now completely set for the ultimate qualifying rounds.

STAFF UNIMPRESSIVE.

Due obviously to the more attractive hockey match a thinner crowd than usual turned out to see a brilliant last minute goal scored by their left-out Bakuram, carry the W. I. A. A. Staff into the semi-final where they now meet South Kanara's redoubtable first string. And if present form is any indication the Kanarese already have the match—which comes off next Friday in their pocket. The Staff have never again played like the team that had disposed of a strong Press side in such fine style only a few weeks back. Inaccurate shooting, the persistent tendency of the forwards to hold on to the ball too long, and the inability of the half backs to distribute the ball evenly along both flanks have been the principal causes of the team's climb-down. Their match against a comparatively mediocre Velim Union side was another tale of missed chances—as many as ten corners coming their way and all of them going unconverted due on each occasion to the inability of the inner trio to connect with the flag kicks.

BRILLIANT GOAL.

Except for occasional breakaways by the wingers of the respective teams the game itself was for the greater part as stiff and cold as the joint of a Canterbury lamb. Most of the players were finding it difficult to judge the flight of the ball which accounted for their inability to make proper use of the bounce-resulting in a lot of aimless kicking being seen. Chance after chance was frittered away—the Staff being the usual sufferers—and when the teams changed ends without a goal being registered nor any of them showing any keenness for doing so—everything pointed to extra time having to be played—but Bakuram, the Staff's left-out, came to his side's and—the spectators' rescue—crowning a great solo effort with a stinging ground shot into the far corner of the net which gave the Velim custodian no chance.

RESULT: (QUARTER-FINAL).

W. I. A. A. STAFF' 1 goal.
VELIM UNION CLUB 0

THE TEAMS WERE:

W. I. A. A. STAFF:—Dayaram, Baptiste and Govind, Patrick, Ramchander and Narayan, Subramaniam, Doray, Tukaram, Shivaram and Dakuram.

VELIM UNION CLUB:—Couto, D'Cunha and Cardozo, D'Mello, D'Souza and De Sales, Misquitta, Paes, J. Andrade, Mendes and M. Andrade.

REFEREE:—M. C. Kotian.

FURTHER PROGRAMME OF MATCHES.

Due to the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament final coming off this evening the further programme of matches in the Nadkarni Football Tournament has had to be revised as follows:

THURSDAY, APRIL 20.
5-45 P.M. FIRST SEMI-FINAL.
Jaganath's Fishermen "A."
vs.
Young Goans "A."

FRIDAY, APRIL 21.
5-45 P.M. SECOND SEMI-FINAL.
South Kanara "A".
vs.
W. I. A. A. Staff.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23.
5-45 P.M. FINAL.

All-India Weather

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, April 18.

The following are the maximum minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at various stations during twenty-four hours ending 8 a.m. to-day:—

Station	Temperature Max	Temperature Min.	Rainfall Past 24 Hours	Rainfall Total Since 1st April	Rainfall Difference to Normal
Agra	105	65	—	—	—0.1
Amraoti	105	77	—	—	—0.1
Akola	101	75	—	0.6	+0.5
Ahmedabad	100	73	—	—	—
Ajmer	95	73	—	—	—0.1
Ahmednagar	96	69	0.4	0.5	+0.3
Ambala	102	80	—	0.4	—
Allahabad	107	74	—	0.4	+0.3
Benares	107	76	—	—	—0.1
Bareilly	104	71	—	—	—0.2
BOMBAY	89	76	—	—	—
Bangalore	86	69	0.4	4.7	+4.1
Bhopal	101	78	—	—	—
Baroda	101	77	—	—	—
Belgaum	85	63	—	0.4	—0.5
Bahawalpore	96	56	—	—	—0.2
Bijapur	93	71	—	0.4	+0.1
Bellary	90	75	—	1.3	+0.9
Bhavnagar	102	75	—	—	—0.1
Chittagong	87	81	0.1	3.9	+1.8
Calcutta	102	81	—	1.5	+0.7
Cuttack	106	79	—	—	—0.7
Cawnpore	109	78	—	—	—0.1
Calicut	90	77	—	6.9	+5.5
Colombo	88	79	0.1	8.4	+3.3
Cheerapunji	74	61	2.5	8.5	—5.3
Cocanada	96	82	—	—	—0.2
Cochin	86	78	—	9.6	+7.2
Dehra Dun	95	67	—	0.3	—0.2
Delhi	103	74	—	—	—0.2
Dehra I. Khan	92	63	—	0.6	—
Darjeeling	—	—	—	—	—
Desa	98	74	—	—	—
Dalhousie	—	—	—	3.0	+0.8
Fort Sandeman	74	48	—	0.7	—0.1
Gorakhpur	106	73	—	0.1	—0.1
Hyderabad (Dn.)	96	79	—	0.4	—0.3
Hyderabad (Sd.)	98	67	—	—	—
Indore	101	74	—	—	—0.1
Jhansi	107	81	—	—	—0.1
Jubbulpore	105	81	—	—2	—0.2
Jacobabad	94	66	—	—	—0.1
Jaipur	—	—	—	—	—
Karwar	—	—	—	—	—
Karachi	81	72	—	0.1	—0.1
Kodaikanal	66	—	—	4.9	+2.5
Khandwa	107	81	—	—	—
Lucknow	106	70	—	—	- 0.2
Ludhiana	101	68	—	0.4	- 0.2
Lahore	97	65	—	0.1	—0.3
Lyallpur	94	61	—	—	- 0.4
Multan	95	58	—	—	— 0.1
Mysore	90	69	—	1.0	+0.1
Madras	92	80	—	5.2	+4.9
Marmagoa	88	78	—	—	—
Malegaon	103	75	—	—	—
Mussoorie	75	57	—	0.5	- -0.3
Mahableshwar	76	62	T	0.6	+0.1
Murree	—	—	—	—	—
Mount Abu	82	65	—	—	—
Masulipatam	93	80	—	—	- 0.3
Mandalay	102	82	—	—	- -0.5
Mangalore	87	77	—	4.8	+4.2
Meerut	—	—	—	—	- 0.3
Mercara	78	63	—	1.0	- 0.2
Nagpur	103	73	0.1	0.3	- 0.1
Ootacamund	69	50	—	1.9	+0.6
Patna	105	73	—	0.1	—0.1
Peshawar	80	58	—	0.6	—0.7
Poona	95	75	—	0.1	—0.2
Pachmarhi	94	73	—	—	—0.1
Fort Blair	90	75	0.2	1.4	+1.0
Quetta	58	37	—	0.6	—
Ranchi	101	77	—	0.5	—
Rawalpindi	84	56	—	1.5	+0.1
Rangoon	101	78	—	0.1	—0.5
Ratnagiri	88	76	—	—	—
Rajkot	97	69	—	—	—
Sialkot	93	63	—	0.9	+0.3
Srinagar	61	45	0.3	1.8	—0.6
Sholapur	101	77	—	0.2	+0.1
Shillong	78	63	—	—	—3.1
Simla	68	57	—	1.3	+0.1
Surat	96	77	—	—	—
Salem	92	75	—	3.2	+2.4
Trichinopoly	95	79	—	4.9	+4.5
Trivandrum	88	79	—	5.6	+3.5
Vizagapatam	91	82	—	—	—0.3

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GENERAL RAIN IN KASHMIR

POONA, April 18.

The western disturbance is passing away through the extreme north. It caused nearly general rain in Kashmir. Rainfall has also been local in North Hyderabad, while a few falls are reported from Assam, west Central Provinces Bombay Deccan and Mysore.

The chief amounts of rainfall:—Cherrapunji three inches; Sonamarg and Dras two; Parbhani one and half; Silchar one; Sibsagar and Ahmednagar half; Port Blair, Srinagar and Bangalore quarter.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 18-4-1939.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.006 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 81.0 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.8 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 89.0 degrees 0.2 (above normal).

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 76.3 degrees 0.1 (above normal).

Relative Humidity at 8 a.m. 73 p.c.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. Calm.

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 0 mile per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 90 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 16 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 3.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 18-4-39.

At 8?7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 83.0 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.00 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.79 inches.

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Poona To Have Municipal Bus Service

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, April 18.

A resolution approving of the proposal to start a bus service in the city of Poona was passed by the Poona City Municipality at its meeting held last evening. It is suggested that the work might be entrusted to some private enterprise.

The local tongawallas are, however, opposed to such scheme, as they feel that the proposed bus service will affect their interests and hit them hard economically.

The Kesari and Maratha Institute has donated a sum of Rs. 1,000 to the Hyderabad Satyagraha Movement.

A resolution to this effect was passed by the Trustees of the Institute at their meeting.

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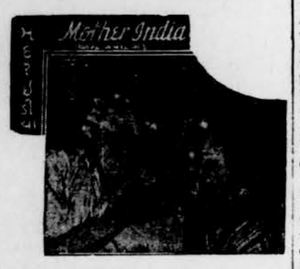

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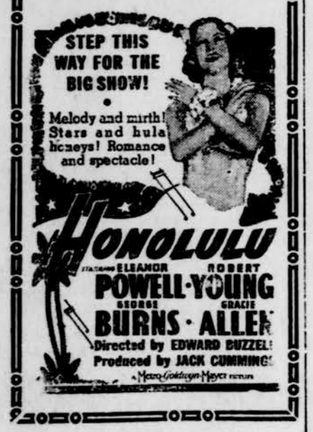
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To-day

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Hightide: 11-58 23-35
Lowtide: 5-34 17-52
Sunrise: 6h 20m
Sunset: 6h 57m

Annual meeting of Released Prisoners' Aid Society, Mr. B. G. Kher presiding, Municipal Corporation Hall, 6 p.m.

POSTAL NOTICES

Superscribed unregistered correspondence for Italy per s.s. 'Conte Verde' will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 1-30 p.m. on Thursday, the 20th instant.

Registered and unregistered correspondence other than letters and postcards for Australia, New Zealand and all correspondence for Colombo per s.s. 'Cathay' will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 5 and 6-30 p.m. respectively on Thursday, the 20th instant.

Registered and unregistered correspondence other than letters and postcards for Straits Settlements, Hongkong and all correspondence for Shanghai via 'Negapatam' will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 5 and 6-30 p.m. respectively on Thursday, the 20th instant.

Superscribed registered and unregistered correspondence other than letters and postcards for Singapore and all correspondence for Japan per s.s. 'Mansei Maru' will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 5 and 6-30 p.m. respectively on Wednesday, the 19th instant.

As the Fast Gulf Mail steamer s. s. 'Vasna' is now due to sail on 21-4-39 after the arrival of English mail steamer s.s. 'Cathay' which is expected to arrive in Bombay on 21-4-39 at 6 a.m. the following will be the latest hour of posting of correspondence and parcels at the Bombay G. P. O. for the offices in Iraq, Iran and Persian Gulf.

Unregistered correspondence upto 6-30 p.m. on 20-4-39.

Registered correspondence upto 5 p.m. on 20-4-39.

Parcels correspondence upto 5 p.m. on 20-4-39.

The latest hour of posting in the Town Sub Offices will be notified by those offices, and it will be so regulated as to ensure the receipt of the postings in the Bombay G. P. O. in time to be included in the last despatch from that office.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS' UNION, BOMBAY.

The annual general meeting of the Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. in the open space of the B. I. T. Chawl No. 11, Foras Road.

KHATAU MAKANJI DISPENSARY

In all 1968 patients were treated at the Free Dispensary Bhatia Maternity and Nursing Home, Fort, Bombay, during the month of March 1939. The average daily attendance was 63.

RELEASED PRISONERS' AID SOCIETY

The twenty-third annual general meeting of the Released Prisoners' Aid Society will be held at the Municipal Corporation Hall to-day (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. The Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister, will preside, when the annual report will be presented by the Honorary Secretary and election of office-bearers and other members of the Central Committee for the year 1939 will take place.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS

A question and answer meeting will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain. All questions are welcome and all are cordially invited.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Tumhari Jeet" Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Birth of Shivaji" Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10-15 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Devil's Playground" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EROS—"Zaza" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Vachan" Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10-15 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Brahmachari" Time as usual.
KRISHNA—"Dushman" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Jungle King" Daily at 5-15, 7-45 and 10-15 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Daughter of the Maratha" Daily at 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Her Last Desire" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Brahmachari" Time as usual
NEW EMPIRE—"Trade Winds" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Mother India" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Little Miss Broadway" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Maza Mulga" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Tropic Holiday" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"The Lady Vanishes" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Nav-Jeevan" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
SILVER TALKIE—"Heel Sayal" Daily at 1-45, 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Devata" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.

CINE FILM SHOW

The Cine Films submitted for the Wild Life Photographic Competition will be shown at the Scouts' Hut, Esplanade Maidan to-day (Wednesday) at 10 p.m. under the joint auspices of the Bombay Natural History Society and the Amateur Cine Society of India.

'C' WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Under the auspices of Bhuleshwar District Congress Committee, the annual general meeting of the Primary Members of the Congress (from 'C' Ward) will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Committee's Office, Chhotalal Bhuvan, 418 Kalbadevi Road, 2nd floor to transact the following business:

1. To adopt the annual report and the account for the year 1939.
2. To appoint the auditors for the year 1939.
3. Such other transactions as are allowed by the President.

'G' WARD CITY FATHERS' ROUND

The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of 'G' Ward will meet near the Western approach to the Tilak Bridge on Saturday, the 22nd April at 7 a.m. (B.T.) to go round the Ward.

Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time.

JANJIRA STATE SUBJECTS MEETING AT DADAR

Under the auspices of the Janjira State People Union, a public meeting of the Janjira State Subjects residing in Bombay, will be held at Dhuru Hall, near Tilak Bridge, B. B. and C. I. Rly. to-day (Wednesday) at 8-30 p.m. to support the demands of the Janjira State People and the move for a political conference in Janjira State in the month of May 1939. Sardar Sidhi Mahomed will preside.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Lady Lumley left Bombay for England on Tuesday.

The Governor of Bombay presided at the annual general meeting of the Bombay Natural History Society and opened the Photographic Exhibition of Wild Life at the Prince of Wales Museum on Tuesday.

STAR FLASHES

by BRUNO

THE SURF BOARD SCENE IN 'CAFE SOCIETY' WAS FILMED IN THE STUDIO. MADELEINE CARROLL RODE THE BOARD WHILE PROP MEN SPRAYED A FIRE HOSE AGAINST IT.'
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RAM GOPAL, the young Indian dancer who is to appear at the Regal on Friday, seen in a Kathakali pose.

STUDY OF FLINTS

How They Throw Light On Human Civilisation

"The history of human civilisation is compressed in a few thousand years, and the flints are the earliest and almost the only evidence of the progress of human civilisation from the earliest times," observed Dr. H. T. Sorley, Collector of Bombay and President of the Bombay Anthropological Society in the course of a lecture under the auspices of the Bombay Field Club on Tuesday.

Enough material was also at hand to show that side by side with the stone implements, at some time primitive man made use of wooden instruments, which on account of their perishable nature had left very few traces behind.

He much regretted that in spite of abundance of material for anthropological studies in India, the collections were not representative. He was of opinion that private institutions with a genuine interest in antiquity like the Bombay Field Club should lead in the field of research.

Mr. R. P. Masani, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bombay, who presided appealed to the members of the Bombay Field Club to carry on field work in the matter in the neighbouring areas and throw more light on the subject.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks by Mr. R. G. Gyani of the Prince of Wales Museum.

BLAVATSKY LODGE

A public lecture under the auspices of the Blavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Society, the great giri prodigy of Kolhapur, Miss Shakuntala Mai of Narsoba Wadi, will give a Kirtan on "Damaji" at the Theosophical Society, Blavatsky Lodge Hall, French Bridge, Chowpatty, to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.).

BOMBAY ANDHRA MAHASABHA

The annual general body meeting of the Andhra Mahasabha was held on April 16, under the presidency of Doctor S. N. Ganti. The meeting at the outset passed a condolence resolution touching the sad demise of Mr. Shankar Sayanna Persha, a prominent Telugu citizen of Bombay.

After the adoption of the report and statement of accounts for the previous year, the following office-bearers were elected for the year 1939-40.

President: Mr. C. Nageswara Row.

Joint Secretaries: Messrs. M. Ramamurti and Y. B. Dikshit.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. V. N. Patrumi.

Committee Members: Messrs. J. Balasundara Rao, M. Ananta Rao, C. Seetharamayya, D. Subbarayudu and Dr. S. N. Ganti.

Bombay Yarn And Silk Merchants' Association's Activities

The fourth annual meeting of the above Association was held this evening in the Wagle Hall, Bombay. Most of the members were present. At the outset, Mr. Purushottamdas Patel, the retiring President, made a speech in the course of which he gave an account of the various activities of the Association during the year of his regime. Lastly he thanked the various office-bearers and members for their co-operation.

APPEAL TO JANJIRA STATE SUBJECTS

Dr. Obaray, Secretary, writes:—

The people of Janjira residing in Bombay are aware that a Union of the State peoples has been formed in Bombay. Several meetings under its auspices have been held in Bombay to consider the grievances of the Janjira State People, and resolutions affecting their interests have been passed. The resolution passed at the last meeting has been duly forwarded to the State authorities. At the same meeting a committee was also formed to prepare a list of grievances and formulate the demands to be presented to the authorities concerned. Before these demands are forwarded to the State authorities, they will be placed before a general conference of the people, to secure the sanction of all the Janjira States People residing in Bombay.

Arguments In Indian Cotton 'Change Case

It Has No Prerequisites Of "Bona Fide" Market, Says Prosecutor

IN THE COURSE OF HIS ARGUMENTS, WHICH BEGAN ON SATURDAY AND WERE CONTINUED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN THE CASE AGAINST THE SEVEN DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN COTTON EXCHANGE LTD., THE POLICE PROSECUTOR MR. C. B. VELKAR CONTENDED THAT THE EXCHANGE WAS NOT A "BONA FIDE" INSTITUTION INASMUCH AS IT DISPENSED WITH THE PREREQUITES OF A GENUINE MARKET AND MADE BUSINESS IN DIFFERENCES.

Arguments were continued in the case against seven Directors and members of the Indian Cotton Exchange Ltd., who stand charged under the Gaming Act. in the Court of Mr. W. K. Mankar at the Mazagaon Police Court, Bombay, on Tuesday afternoon.

Continuing his arguments, the police prosecutor, Mr. C. B. Velkar, referred to the evidence led by Mr. Nanavati, Mr. Iyer and Sub-Inspector Gawde, where the prerequisites of a "bona fide" market were clearly described. According to that cotton business in a genuine market was divided into three categories: (1) Spot business (2) delivery business and (3) forward hedge contract.

Mr. Velkar contended that the above prerequisites were dispensed with so far as the state of affairs in the Exchange was concerned.

After giving an authoritative definition of a hedge contract, Mr. Velkar said that in the Exchange there was no such hedge contract with the idea of cover implied in it, but transactions were made with the sole purpose of making profit. The promoters of the Exchange started business in differences of prices, without fixing standards, grades and places.

The police prosecutor further argued that the way in which transactions were effected and recorded in the Exchange was hardly in consonance with the practice obtained in a genuine association. After the "soudas" were made "Raju" they were transferred to "Kachha Khata." On the completion of the transactions the books were thrown away. Evidences showed that "soudas" were paper transactions for dealing in differences in the market.

Mr. Balubhai Desai and others appeared for the accused.

Next hearing of the case has been fixed for to-day (Wednesday).

KARACHI-COLOMBO SOUTHBOUND SERVICE

New Time Table

In view of the introduction of Imperial Airways' summer time table, the Tatas' Southbound Karachi-Colombo service will operate on the following days as from Wednesday the 19th of April 1939:

SOUTHBOUND:

Dep. Karachi Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. Sat. 0630 hrs.
Arr. Bhuj Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. Sat. 0810 hrs.
Dep. Bhuj Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. Sat. 0840 hrs.
Arr. Ahmedabad Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. Sat. 1015 hrs.
Dep. Ahmedabad Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri Sat. 1045 hrs.
Arr. Bombay Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. Sat. 1300 hrs.
Dep. Bombay Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. Sat. 1330 hrs.
Arr. Hyderabad Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. Sat. 1645 hrs.
Dep. Hyderabad Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat. Sun. 0630 hrs.
Arr. Madras Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat. Sun. 0920 hrs.
Dep. Madras Tues Wed. Thurs. Sat. Sun. 1000 hrs.
Arr. Trichi Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat. Sun. 1130 hrs.
Dep. Trichi Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat. Sun. 1200 hrs.
Arr. Colombo Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat. Sun 1420 hrs.

NORTHBOUND:

The timings of our Northbound Colombo-Karachi service will remain unaltered.

UNITY CONGRESS OF ASIATIC WORKERS

Convoked by the Association of Chinese Workers, a Congress of Asiatic workers' organisations has just closed here. Delegates attending represented Chinese and Indonesian unions in the Dutch East Indies, and most of the powerful nationalist and labour parties, as well as the nationalist party of French Indo-China. A permanent joint relations committee was set up to initiate and organise combined action. The agenda discussed included local economic conditions and wages, questions of political freedom for labour, and the menace of Japanese "Pan-Asiatic" propaganda as a cover for Imperialist penetration of Japanese agents.

For Bombay Passengers To Ceylon

Intimation has been received in the office of the Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India that the Government of Ceylon has imposed restrictions on account of smallpox against passengers arriving from Bombay. All passengers arriving from Bombay will be required

(a) to be vaccinated, preferably before embarkation, or on arrival; or

(b) to be in possession of a certificate of vaccination done within 3 years prior to the date of disembarkation in Colombo; and

(c) to be under medical surveillance for a period of 14 days from the date of leaving Bombay.

In Memory Of Late Moulana Irfan

The Bombay Municipal Schools Committee which met on Tuesday afternoon adjourned without transacting any business as a mark of respect to the memory of Moulana Irfan, leader of the Muslim community, who passed away on Sunday last.

EDITOR AND KEEPER OF PRESS ARRESTED

Sequel To Alleged Publication Of Obscene Advertisement

On a charge of publishing an obscene advertisement in the issue of Samaj Swasthya" on September 15, 1938, Mr. Raghunath Dhondo Karve, Editor, Printer and Publisher and Mr. B. G. Gandhbhir, the keeper of Popular Printing Press, were arrested. They have been released on bail till the 2nd May.

The office and the press of the accused were raided and copies of bills and the issue were seized.

LADY LUMLEY FOR ENGLAND

Lady Lumley, wife of the Governor of Bombay, flew by Tata Air Mail on Tuesday morning from Juhu to Karachi. She will take Imperial Airways 'plane from Karachi and proceed to England. Sir Roger saw Lady Lumley off.

The reason of the sudden departure to England is stated to be the thick rumours of war, in which case, Lady Lumley would like to be with her five children, who left Bombay for England on the 18th March and are at present in England.

Indian Merchants' Chamber In Japan

The report of the working of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Japan for the year 1938 shows that the Chamber has a membership of 172. Its President for the year was Mr. B. D. Bhagat and the Honorary Secretary Mr. N. D. Karanjia.

The Chamber has appointed a number of panels from its membership which consider the various problems affecting the Indian business community in Japan, the tabulated information about figures Indo-Japanese trade and the presidential speech reviewing the happenings in the year 1938 make interesting reading. For instance, the exports from Japan to India in 1938 were worth 155,384,376 while imports to Japan from India were worth 118,723,943

Afghan Tanzim

(From A Correspondent)

A meeting was held at the office of Afghan Jirga under the presidentship of Abdul Gafarkhan Saheb, Thekedar, on Sunday last. The following office-bearers were elected:

President: Janab Abdul Hakim Khansaheb.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Yarmohamed Khan Saheb and Hazrat Gul Khan Saheb.

General Secretary: Fazle-Rehman Saheb, Muderine Afghan.

Secretaries: Sayed Asgharali Shah Saheb and Allaudin Saheb.

Treasurer: Janab Abdul Gafarkhan Saheb, Thekedar.

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PUBLIC REECEPTION PROCESSION AND MEETING

Contingent Of 300 Satyagrahis Arriving

Three hundred volunteers for Hyderabad Satyagraha will arrive at the Central Station by the special train at 9 a.m. to-day (Wednesday). They will be received on arrival at the station by the Hyderabad Arya Satyagraha Samiti and other Arya Samajists.

In the evening (19-4-39) at 4 p.m. all the Satyagrahis will be taken out in a procession from Kakadwadi Arya Samaj via C. P. Tank, Bhuleshwar, Kalbadevi, Fanaswadi, Thakurdwar, Girgaon Road, Prarthana Samaj, Sandhurst Road, to Chowpatty, where a public meeting will be held to accord a hearty reception and send-off to all these Satyagrahis.

NAGPADA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Mr R. Gibson, ex-President, Cambridge Union, will lecture on "Roosevelt and America's Foreign Policy" today (Wednesday) at 8-30 p.m. The lecture will be followed by a discussion.

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SHOP ASSISTANTS' BILL

The Shop Assistants' Bill, introduced in the Bombay Legislative Assembly by the Premier on Monday, is an attempt to extend to shops, offices, restaurants and theatres the principle of regulating hours of work already enforced in organised factories. It is the first of its kind in India and will apply in the first instance to cities and towns in the Province, but provision has been made for Government to extend its application to other centres. In Bombay city alone it will apply to about 200,000 persons, from which fact one can gauge the importance of this piece of social legislation. The main provisions of the Bill are as follows: No employee may work in a shop for more than ten hours a day, all shops having to close at 9 p.m., when street hawking also will stop. Each shop assistant must receive at least 52 days' holiday a year, including at least 4 days a month for which no wages are to be deducted. In offices clerks must not work for more than 220 hours a month, which work out at about 8½ hours a day taking 26 working days in the month. This method of fixing the maximum is chosen for offices to permit more than normal working hours on rush days and to compel proportionate reduction on other days. In restaurants, though the total number of working hours is 10 per day, a spread-over of 14 hours is allowed to permit a timing in accordance with the special requirements of these concerns. Finally, the Bill also forbids the employment of children under 12 and restricts work to eight hours a day for "young persons" under 17; nor are the latter allowed to work before 6 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

Earnest Attempt

It will be clear from this that the Bill is a great improvement upon the present state of things. At present, according to the Labour Office Inquiry of 1935, shop assistants in Bombay City work for over 12 hours a day, thousands having to work not less than 15 hours. There has been no similar official inquiry in Ahmedabad, Sholapur and other busy centres if the province but it is generally believed that the conditions of work there are not materially different from those in Bombay. It is true that most of the big commercial establishments observe reasonable hours of work and provide other amenities for their employees, but the conditions of service of employees in the smaller offices, pedhis, shops, restaurants etc. are extremely unsatisfactory. Legislation to ameliorate these conditions has long been over-due. The present Bill does not go far enough in this direction but its principle of legislative regulation of work is accepted by all parties and its details will doubtless be improved by the Select Committee to which it has been referred. The draft Bill has been already circulated among about 150 bodies and most of those who have replied are said to have admitted the need for relief to shop assistants, though opinion have differed regarding the nature and extent of relief. Vested interests have, as usual, complained that the Bill goes too far, while some of the champions of workers protests that it does not go far enough. To our mind the Bill is an earnest attempt to hold the scales even between the parties concerned but is certainly capable of being improved by the Select Committee.

Modest Relief

It is unnecessary to consider the objectives of those who grudge the modest relief given by the Bill. But one cannot lightly dismiss the objections that the relief is not adequate and that in some cases the Bill may make the position worse than it is. The first objection is natural. But so far as the fixing of the number of working hours at 10 is concerned, it does not compare badly with the 9 hours of work in factories where work is far more strenuous. Moreover, if a drastic reduction is made in the hours in shops, a reduction in wages is sure to follow and the workers in shops are not at present so organised as to prevent it. Nor is it a feasible proposition for Government to fix at present a minimum wage for the various kinds of work that are covered by the present Bill. As regards the objection that in some cases the Bill worsens the present position, it has been alleged that a number of concerns have increased their hours of work right up to the maximum allowed by the Bill. If there is ground for the allegation, it is certainly a pity. But if it is, therefore, suggested that the maximum should be lowered, there is the danger of a reduction in wages which may be worse than the evil of increased hours of work. As for the objection that the Bill is inspired from Wardha, we would only say, slightly varying the Premier's reply, that it is far better for a Government in India to be inspired by Wardha than to be coerced by Lancashire.

Crisis Imminent

President Roosevelt, Washington believes, has scored a bull's eye. That is true. And it is equally true that German uneasiness and Italian fury are both due to bad conscience and to "a recognition of the unpleasant necessity of seeking self-justification before the condemnatory opinion of the world" as also their own peoples. But the vital point that emerges is that they have decided upon what will be tantamount to "an out and out rejection" of the President's main proposals. That means that they are bent upon perpetrating further acts of aggression. What is more, they are planning to strike without much delay.

The Paris Press, in this connection, takes a justifiably alarming view. It interprets Herr Hitler's delay in replying to President Roosevelt as due to a desire to settle the Danzig question before the Reichstag session. And, as *Le Jour* suggests, the leaders of Germany desire that the Fuhrer's speech should be delivered "on the morrow of a fresh triumph over European *status quo* and should face the world with another of his "faits accomplis." Herr Hitler will, of course, hope that history will repeat itself and that the Peace Powers will submit to it with shocked protests and warnings against—the next aggression.

Nor is Herr Hitler alone contemplating such a defiant challenge to the world. There are rumours in Paris of a possible Axis coup against Tangier. These rumours may be exaggerated, but they are not altogether without foundation. Italian intentions against France are well-known; so are the military activities of General Franco and the proposed "exercise" of the German fleet off the Spanish coast. The coup may not be directed against Tangier but something is being planned in the Mediterranean and that by the *Rome*-Berlin-Burgos triangle. In a word, a crisis is imminent within a week or so. And the Axis Powers are likely to reply to President Roosevelt's invitation by a practical demonstration of the rejection of its terms. In such circumstances what is needed is not hopeful expectancy but a completion of the Peace Front.

Our European Letter

Italian Invasion And Annexation Of Albania

From Our Own Correspondent

ZURICH, April 12.

At the time of writing, attention in Europe is greatly dominated by the Italian invasion and virtual annexation of Albania. As a territorial transference, though Italy's brutal absorption of Albania represents comparatively a considerably less significant development than the forceful conversion by Germany of Bohemia and Moravia into a German protectorate, the former none-the-less has caused no smaller, in ways perhaps even greater, excitement and concern, seen as reflective of a trend and suggestive of certain factors. It, the latest Italian action against Albania, extends a further emphasis to a care to an expansionist course retained by the aggressive dictatorial regimes, stresses the cynical brutality with which they are determined under conditions to proceed to advance their aims, reveals the plans for extension of holds as being of a bigger or wider nature than generally thought in many circles, exposes a hollowness of various professions and declarations of the fascist aggressive Powers, and it must be added, marks a confidence in association with estimates of the stand of different States, principally Britain, of the aggressive Powers being greatly let to carry out various expansionist steps, over-riding agreements, ignoring assurances more and more bluntly, and treating contemptuously popular ideas like care to civil liberties and self-determination of peoples. The conquest of Albania as a military achievement, recording no great performance for Italy when one takes into calculation the tremendous superiority of the Italian forces and a position in relation to Albania previously secured, has caused much anxiety in London, even more than in Paris and in many other centres.

Britain's Responsibility.

This, quite apart from the great importance of eastern Mediterranean to Britain, owing to revised reckonings about a firmness of Berlin-Rome Axis and apprehensions of Italian as also German aims getting beyond a limit thought as convenient or permissible by some dominant groups in London with Chamberlain in recent period figuring greatly as their exponent or spokesman. It should not be over-looked that in accordance with estimates of letting a feasible scope of expansion, feasible in the sense of not being prejudicial to various distant and important British imperialist interests, indeed with calculations of extension of a favour in the direction as useful to check and counteract certain forces thought as implying bigger danger to different British imperialist interests, London has to a marked degree enabled Rome and Berlin in Europe to improve their capacity for aggressive deeds and get well on the track to carry out such deeds. Even to-day, it is by no means quite certain, whether Chamberlain and influential groups round him do not retain attention well to an understanding and agreement with the aggressive fascist States and hope on a new balance by causing a weakness of the agreement between Berlin and Rome. Indirectly this reflects a reserve to drawing upon popular forces representing opposition to fascist plans and methods and a hesitation influenced and determined by a care to uphold important imperialist interests.

Jugoslavia's Difficult Position.

The fascist aggressive States are well aware of this restraint and hesitation and the factors responsible for them and this awareness on their part forms an important circumstance to leading them to adopt more moves of expansion and aggression. There is of course the danger or possibility of their getting to overdraw on this, even as aggressive deeds already carried out and increase of economic tightness, lend them an encouragement to further assertive deeds. The conquest of Albania by Italy puts Jugoslavia in a difficult position in relation to Germany and Italy and gives a strategical position of much value to Italy as against Greece. Italy has moved into Albania considerably more troops than necessary for "keeping order" in Albania. It is estimated that possibly two millions of Italians or that number under Italian control are now under arms. Probably Germans called to active service also stay round this figure. There are obviously strong chances of German-Italian pressure extending on Jugoslavia and Roumania and of Hungary being employed much as a medium towards this. The positio of Greece is of very close interest and concern to Britain. Italy's move against Albania has been carried out with open and ostenta-

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BETRAYAL IN KOLHAPUR

People Prepare For Fresh Struggle

By Shankerrao Deo

Gandhiji had to risk his life in order to restore the breach of faith committed by Thakoresahib of Rajkot. By the timely intervention of the Viceroy and a reference to the highest judicial authority in India, the agreement between the leader of the people of Rajkot and the State authority has been restored. But Rajkot is not an isolated instance. Promises are being given to the people in order to evade difficult situations and they are broken by the rulers without any regard to its consequences. The same story of betrayal of the people is being repeated in Kolhapur, the premier Mahratta State in the Deccan, by its ruler. On the eve of the Viceregal visit to the State in January last, the ruler met the leaders of the people in the presence of a large gathering of the peasants and solemnly assured them that their demands of complete civil liberty and reduction in land revenue would be granted immediately. Moreover, the ruler promised an early announcement of the proposed constitutional reforms, after certain necessary formalities were gone through. The Maharaja shook hands with the leaders, and the people in wild enthusiasm cheered the Maharaja's announcement. Thousands of peasants that had come a long way marching to Kolhapur, returned with a confident hope that the Maharaja would not violate the solemn assurance. In fulfilment of that promise, leaders under restraint were set free. Thus an atmosphere of calm was restored in Kolhapur to give State reception to the Viceroy with usual pomp and show. But for the timely announcement to meet the demands of the people, the Viceregal visit would have been marked by monster demonstration of the restive peasants.

One Lakh Of Members

The Viceroy's visit passed off smoothly. The leaders of the people, trusting that the plighted word would not be dishonoured by the Ruler, decided to organise a State's People's Conference, with an avowed goal of attaining full responsible government under the aegis of the Maharaja. The enrolment of the conference membership began forthwith and within less than six weeks' time nearly a lakh of people enrolled themselves. This unusual enthusiasm on the part of the people for the conference made the State authorities restive. The promises of civil liberty were put to test. Pretexts and subterfuges were invented by the State authorities to circumvent the public declaration of civil liberties made by the Maharaja. Restraints were ordered on the Conference workers moving in the villages. As the Viceregal visit was over, the State authorities felt that the method of repression could be conveniently followed to unnerve the people and to break their spirit. A section of untouchables instigated by the State authorities was set to oppose the demands of the State's people. Sjt. M. K. Bagal the prominent and trusted leader of the people, was prosecuted for sedition and imprisoned for a couple of years. The Criminal Law Amendment Act and section 144 were enforced. House searches and raids have become the order of the day. Police parties were sent to distant villages to disuade the people from joining the Conference. Conference workers are beaten in the streets. National flags are forcibly removed and torn to pieces. Thus the State authorities are resorting to violent repression to crush the spirit of the people. Seeing that these methods of repression would be of no avail, the State authorities ultimately declared the Conference illegal which was to meet under the presidentship of Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya. These repressive measures have outraged the deepseated loyalty of the peasants to their Maharaja and completely nullified the pledges of civil liberty.

People's Grievances

The demands of the State people in Kolhapur are, indeed, very moderate. There is a long-standing grievance of heavy burden of land revenue. This being the only main source of taxation available to the State authorities, it has been enormously increased. The rate is much higher than in the adjoining British territory. Under this heavy burden the peasantry is being crushed. Another grievance which is rather peculiar to Kolhapur, is that hunting parks are reserved for royal families. Wild animals destroy the crops and the royal hunting parties enjoy their game at the cost of the peasants. Civil liberty is unknown to the State. Even ordinary public meetings are banned at the whim of the state authorities. In order to remove these long-standing grievances peasant marches were taken to Kolhapur since last December to meet the Maharaja and get them redressed. Of course, the demand of full responsible government is in the forefront. Yet the basis of the present agitation is not to enforce it immediately but to establish the right of organising people for that purpose. When this right is denied and civil liberties are crushed no way is left open to the people to carry on what are called constitutional methods of agitation. The choice now, before the people, is either to submit and give up all political and public activities and to suffer a degradation of the spirit and a continuation of the tyranny that oppresses them, or to resort to direct action. As in most other States the immediate issue in Kolhapur is thus one of civil liberties, reduction in land revenue and removal of other grievances, though the objective is attainment of full responsible government.

Preparation

It was expected that the advice given by His Excellency the Viceroy in his recent address to the Chamber of Princes, would not be left unheeded by the State authorities. Suspension of Satyagraha

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

ANOTHER "WARNING."

The success of the Chinese offensive is not confined to the fields of battle only. It has made the Japanese War Minister recognise "the continued and stubborn resistance of the Chinese armies" and shout against it at —foreign powers. For General Itagaki insists—for the benefit of the Japanese public, of course —that it is all due to foreign Powers. He warns them that by assisting Marshal Chiang Kai Shek they "deliberately disturb peace in the Far East." General Itagaki's accusation is, of course, a ridiculous over-statement of facts. But has not the time come for foreign Powers to try and deserve the compliment? There can be only one honourable answer to the definite "warnings" issued by the Japanese War Minister and a little earlier, by the Prime Minister. That answer is to do their normal international duty by China. President Roosevelt, too, has now referred, in terms of open condemnation, to Japanese aggression. The "foreign Powers" ought now to "warn" Japan. But will they?

RUSSIA AND PEACE FRONT.

What exactly is the position as regards the participation of the Soviet Union in the united peace front? Paris reports, according to which, it was France that was taking the lead in regard to Russia, had optimistically forecast an early arrangement. But instead of an arrangement further discussions appear to have started with Britain in the decisive role. M. Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, and M. Corbin, the French Ambassador, called at the British Foreign Office on Monday and now it is reported that M. Maisky "has been called to Moscow to report". Is it that the French and the Russians, having come to a settlement, have now to deal with a reluctant Britain? If this is so, it is extremely unfortunate. For it is an inescapable truth that no Peace Front can be effective without the full collaboration of Russia.

WANTED PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

The most important suggestion made at the conference of the organizers of the Bombay Literacy campaign held on Monday was that the present campaign should leave some permanent organization behind to carry on its work. Particularly welcome was the Premier's assurance that he would set up the permanent committee desired by so many. We hope it is realised by all concerned that the problem of permanent literacy work on a sufficiently large scale is one more of funds than of anything else. Honorary work, valuable as it is, will not suffice for the purpose. There should be a separate organisation for the spread of adult literacy in the city and it should include representatives of Government, the Municipality and educational institutions in the city. And every school, primary or secondary should be utilised for evening literacy classes for adults. If the Committee is literally aided by Government, the Municipality and the public, it will show good results in a year or two.

SLUMS IN BOMBAY

In reply to a question in the Bombay Legislative Assembly the Minister for Public Works made a welcome announcement that Government, proposed to modernise housing legislation in order to clear the slum areas in the province. Slums often go with poverty but are not its inevitable result. They are mainly due to neglect of sanitary rules on the part of the public and Government. Stringent housing legislation can do much to remove them. Slums are a menace to public health, particularly in congested cities like Bombay. We are amazed to learn that Government do not possess figures about slum population in Bombay city. But want of statistics should not be allowed to retard the urgent task of ridding the city of its slums.

A FINE GESTURE

The resolution on Hindu-Muslim Unity, adopted by the Working Committee of the Tanzimul-Momineen, the representative body of the Shia Community at Lucknow, last week deserves more notice from the country than it seems to have so far received. The resolution states:

"In view of the fact that the attitude of the Shia community in India has always been peaceful and tolerant towards the followers of other religions, as, for instance, they have never looked with approval on the practice of cow-killing and the movement for prohibition of music before mosque, therefore to confirm their time-honoured tradition, this meeting of the Working Committee of Tanzimul-Momineen declares complete dissociation of its community from the cow-killing practice and requests its brethren in faith to abstain from eating beef."

This is, indeed, a fine gesture on the part of the Shias of Lucknow and its spirit of brotherliness and tolerance deserves to be emulated by all Indians, Hindu or Muslim or of any other creed.

ARMY STORES

The annual report of the Contracts Directorate of the Defence Department for 1937-38 claims that the Director of Contracts devoted during the year particular attention to the purchase of indigenous stores and development of Indian industries and that continuous efforts were made to establish indigenous sources for the supply of stores required by the Defence Services. It also shows that the total value of indigenous stores purchased by the Director during the year amounted to Rs. 22 lakhs. But as the figures for the previous years are not given, one cannot say whether any progress is being made in this respect. However, from the figures of purchases available in the report it appears that purchases worth lakhs of rupees are needlessly made out of India. This injustice will continue until the Defence Department is Indianised and is brought under the control of the Legislature.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Many a man doesn't fail because he doesn't try.

Men applaud your good judgment every time you agree with them.

The modest woman is always noted for her neat but plain dresses.

If men were less stupid women would have to be a lot more clever.

No never write a popular novel. The public will expect you to do it again.

It is easy to believe one who speaks derogatorily of others or in praise of ourselves.

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WITHOUT COMMENT.

DANZIG, April 18.

Nazi Leader, Foerster, is expected to offer Herr Hitler the honorary citizenship of Danzig during the celebrations in Berlin of Herr Hitler's 50th birthday.—Reuter.

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The Calcutta "Statesman" "cannot believe that Whitehall will compel the Government of India to enforce by certification a Trade Agreement between Britain and India which the Assembly has rejected".

The "Statesman" is quite right. Whitehall doesn't and needn't compel. The Government of India is always only too willing to consent voluntarily.

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After their interview with the President, Messrs. Jaiprakash Narayan and P. C. Joshi, the Socialists leaders, have issued, a statement urging the immediate formation of the Congress Working Committee.

Have they too, we wonder, joined Mahatma Gandhi's "entourage"?

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Among the reasons for the increase of crime in the United Provinces, the Police Administration Report mentions "the changed conditions in the village leading to loss of respect for law and order."

We understand. And we deeply sympathise with the U. P. Police.

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RAJKOT DURBAR'S DOUBTS.

ANOTHER REFERENCE?

Validity Of List Of Mr. Gandhi.

—A very obliging Anglo-Indian contemporary. Durbar Viravala would sure be untrue to himself if he retired from the struggle without completely—er—er—proving himself.

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According to the 'Messagero', an Italian paper, "President Roosevelt's message must be considered an act of war."

Not yet. The message is merely a vigorous preliminary massage.

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Reuter learns, says a Gibraltar message, that practically the entire British Mediterranean Fleet is at Malta or in the vicinity.

In honour, we are sure, of the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

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A few British ships, adds the same message, are at Gibraltar and they are mostly destroyers based locally.

What, Deserting old Gile already? Mr. Chamberlain must at least wait until General Franco has triumphantly entered Madrid and the Gibraltar guns have boomed British congratulations on the General's accession to Rome-Berlin power in Spain.

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Since France has a consultation pact with the Soviet, Paris rather than London is taking the lead in regard to Russia, says a report.

This is much better.

But unfortunately France has also a submission pact with Britain.

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A recent press report refers to the visit of a customer to a London store where he noticed an umbrella and was surprised to be assured that it really was Mr. Chamberlain's having been brought in for repairs.

The customer evidently forgot that the famous Umbrella "had" been torn and ripped rather badly.

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The Rumanian Foreign Minister, it is reported, is going to tell the German Foreign Minister quite plainly that Rumania "must welcome any guarantee of her frontiers by any one."

That ought to give Herr Hitler a valuable opportunity to guarantee Rumania's Russian frontier and occupy the country for that purpose.

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'This time last year I was in Ceylon during an earthquake, everything rocked and rattled, the house creaked, the china flew about——'.

'That reminds me—I must fetch my wife from the station!'

Another 'Coup' Before Reichstag Meets

AXIS HAS NO USE FOR PEACE PROPOSALS

Rome's Condition To Enter Any Negotiations

PARIS: April 18.

The attention of the Press is focused on Herr Hitler's decision to call the Reichstag.

Cause Of Delay

The Berlin correspondents of Paris newspapers are pessimistic and opine that the delay until April 28 is due to Herr Hitler's desire to settle the Danzig question before the Reichstag meets.

A Plain Question

For example, "Le Jour" asks: Is it the idea of leaders in Germany that the speech should be delivered on the morrow of a fresh triumph over European 'status quo.'

Next Week's Surprise

"Le Journal" says the next week may well see the birth of another 'fait accompli.'

TEMPORARY LULL BEFORE STORM

Britain Perplexed By Hitler's Delay

LONDON, April 18.

Hitherto no reason has been vouchsafed for Herr Hitler's delay in replying to President Roosevelt until the Reichstag meeting, which could be constitutionally called within a much shorter period than ten days, but newspaper observers both in Britain and France are inclined to regard the interim as guaranteeing a temporary lull after the period of tension encouraged by rumours of military activity alleged to have been observed in widespread regions. Nothing but the vaguest speculation is hazarded on the nature of Herr Hitler's response.

The "Times" in a leader says that it will certainly be another delusion to imagine that the Axis Powers have less to lose from war than the rest or are less likely to be overtaken by defeat and collapse.

"The British Government, like the American, is more than willing to welcome negotiations for re-establishment of genuine peace. If it is true that Herr Hitler has constructive counter-proposals to offer the British which is deep-founded in them. in that spirit. Peace front, which has been formed, has plain recognition of necessities behind it and determination, which is deepfounded in them. But because its purpose is neither self-regarded nor aggressive, it can as well become an instrument of positive peace, if and when every one of its members has concrete proof of new security wherein all can put confidence. Until that day arrives it won't relax a jot of its resolution or vigilance."—Reuter.

AXIS POWERS WILL REJECT PROPOSALS

ROME, April 17.

It is thought that the replies of the Axis Powers to President Roosevelt's message will both be tantamount to an out and out rejection of the two main proposals, namely, a ten year guarantee that no country would be attacked and the idea of participation in a world conference.

It will be stressed that Italy desires nothing more than peace and that the action both in Ethiopia and Albania was brought about by a state of affairs which threatened world peace.

Regarding a world conference it is probable Italy will declare that satisfaction of her claims against France is a condition of her entering any world conference.

It is anticipated that President Roosevelt's telegram will remain a dead letter here and no counter-proposals will be made.—Reuter.

'Axis Powers' Conscience Uneasy

WASHINGTON, April 17.

ADMINISTRATION CIRCLES GIVE TWO REASONS FOR BELIEVING THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE HAS SCORED A BULL'S EYE.

Firstly Herr Hitler's decision to summon the Reichstag to hear his reply is regarded as indicating that the message has reached the German people in such a manner that its reasonable suggestion could not be ignored without exposing the Nazi leaders to domestic as well as world criticism.

Secondly, the furious comment in the Italian press is considered here as a sure sign of uneasy conscience and a recognition of the unpleasant necessity of seeking self-justification before the condemnatory opinion of the world. —Reuter.

MAISKY RECALLED TO MOSCOW

LONDON, April 17.

M. Maisky has been recalled to Moscow to report and will probably leave London to-morrow.

It is stated the exact time of his departure depends on the final instructions he is expecting from Moscow.

Anglo-Soviet consultations regarding the position of Russia in the anti-aggression front are to continue in Moscow.—Reuter.

Active Nazi Propaganda In Bessarabia

BUCHAREST, April 18.

Reports that Rumania has agreed to the passage of Soviet troops if the need arises have evoked an official denial.

Travellers arriving from Bessarabia report that nearly all troops stationed in the Soviet-Rumanian frontier region have been recently withdrawn and sent to other districts where they were considered more necessary.

German propaganda is reported to have been extremely active in Bessarabia in recent weeks, one result of which being a disturbance at Tarutine arising from a demonstration by the German minority there.—Reuter.

GET READY FOR WAR

WELLINGTON, April 18.

An appeal to every man upto the age of fifty to be prepared to defend the country in the event of an emergency was made by Mr. Savage, speaking at a state luncheon to the delegates of the Pacific Defence Conference.

The day might come sooner than they thought, when they might have to go to war. It would be New Zealand's job to implement as far as possible the best means of keeping an end up.

Mr. Savage endorsed the view that it was "better to hold a conference before a war than after it." There were reasons for all disagreements and until they were abolished, they would never get "the superstructure" everyone wanted.

Meantime, however they could not carry pious resolutions and await results, but had to prepare for other things that might happen.—Reuter

ROOSEVELT WANTS FINGERPRINTS TAKEN

Complete Records Of White House Staff

WASHINGTON.

Everyone in the White House, the official residence of the United States' President, will have their finger prints on record if they follow the wish of Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt told journalists at one of his press conferences that he was suggesting this in the hope the other departments of the Government would follow the example.

The President revealed that his own finger prints were taken during the Great War when he was assistant Secretary of the Navy. —Reuter.

Nazi Accusations

LONDON, April 17.

Reuters are informed by the "News Chronicle" that the expulsion of Mr. Harrison by German authorities was ordered on the ground that the authorities in Berlin regarded the reports of the "News Chronicle" correspondents as "consistently objectionable and a handicap to Anglo-German press relations," accusing them of sending false reports of military preparations, troop movements, treatments of Jews and Pastor Niemoller, and labour unrest in Rhineland, and particularly the message referring to a possible attack on Holland.

The authorities stated that they would allow Mr. Iana Colin, the second "News Chronicle" correspondent, to remain in Berlin if he showed himself more careful about his reports in the future but the "News Chronicle" have instructed him to return to London with Mr. Harrison.

Axis Coup Against Tangier?

Franco's Moorish Troops For Morocco

PARIS, April 17.

The rumours of a possible Axis coup against Tangier circulating here appear after enquiry to be the result of deduction from the reports that General Franco is sending large number of Moorish troops to Spanish Morocco coupled with the announcement of the impending German fleet exercises off the Spanish coast.

The international and strategic importance of Tangier has accordingly come into prominence. but the fears expressed in some unofficial circles in this connection find little support in the usually well-informed quarters here. It is pointed out that if the Axis Powers did disregard the international treaties affecting Tangier they would be resisted by France and Britain and the knowledge of this might well nip any such enterprise in the bud.

With regard to Moorish troops indications hitherto are that they are being repatriated for demobilisation.—Reuter.

No Spanish Occupation Of Tangier

LONDON, April 18.

It is learned in London that the Spanish authorities in Tetuan have given the British Consul-General in Tangier an assurance that there is no truth at all in the reports of an impending Spanish occupation of Tangier.—Reuter.

SPANISH TROOP MOVEMENT

GIBRALTAR, April 18.

Hundreds of Spanish troops, who left Lalinea yesterday for Gen. Franco's victory parade at Seville, are now returning. Two schools in Lalinea have been converted into barracks. It is also reported that some cavalry have arrived at Sanroque, five miles from Lalinea.—Reuter.

SPANISH MISSION TO FR. MOROCCO

RABAT, April 18.

A mission of high Spanish officials arrived from Spanish Morocco to discuss with the French the relations between Spanish and French Morocco.—Reuter.

BREN GUNS FOR INDIAN ARMY

LONDON, April 18.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hore-Belisha replying to a question relating to Bren Guns stated that the output was being enlarged and "sufficient capacity" was being created in Canada, Australia, South Africa and India also contemplated establishing factories to manufacture Bren guns.

Mr. Hore-Belisha added that all regular infantry units, at home and abroad except in India and Burma, which were separately equipped, has Bren Gun issues up to the war scale.—Reuter.

Danzig Honour For Hitler

DANZIG, April 17.

Agl. Leader, Foerster, is expected to offer Herr Hitler the honorary citizenship of Danzig during the celebrations in Berlin of Herr Hitler's fiftieth birthday.—Reuter.

French Spy Shot Dead

NANCY, April 18.

Twenty-six-year old Ranchman, Francois Gruneberg, was shot by a military squad on a charge of espionage for a foreign power during the September crisis.

He was the first civilian to be shot for spying in France, since the Great War.—Reuter.

NO PROSPECT OF PEACE IN FAR EAST

Japan Would Be Reduced To Second Rate Power, Says Chiang

CHUNGKING, April 18.

Marchall Chiang Kai Shek in an interview declared that in the existing circumstances, there was no possibility of peace in the Far East.

Japan would be "reduced to a escond rate Power" as a result of the promulgated Chinese resistance and a time was bound to come when she could no longer bear the strain of war.

Marshall Chiang Kai Shek added that the war would be continued until China reserved her national life, liberty and independence.

The Japanese were being dragged deeper and deeper as into a swamp from which they would find it difficult to extricate themselves.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OCCUPY PUTSINHWA

TOKIO, April 18.

Japanese forces have occupied Putsinhwa about 25 miles south-east of Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi, according to a field dispatch which reports "satisfactory progress" on the front south of the Yangtze.

The dispatch states that between April 5 and April 13, 3,500 Chinese have been killed and 150 taken prisoners.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS ASSISTING CHINESE OFFENSIVE?

PEIPING, April 18.

Japanese official dispatches claim that Russians are assisting the Chinese offensive in South Shanshi.

According to a Japanese spokesman, Russian tactics and methods of firing are being employed by the Chinese artillery on this front.

Asked if Russian-trained Chinese might be responsible, the spokesman replied that he believed that Russians were operating the artillery. Heavy fighting continues on many fronts in North China. There have been five battles in South Shanshi, two near Paotingfu, one south of Kaifeng, and another north-east of Peiping.—Reuter.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN CAMBAY

Two Goondas Arrested: Shops Closed

CAMBAY, April 18.

Gundas armed with big knives are out in the Bazar. Shops have been closed. Communal riot is likely to break out. Situation is serious.

The President, Vypari Mahamandal, Cambay, wires:—

A later telegram to a Bombay businessman states that there was an attempt at assault by two Goondas who were arrested.

CLASH IN AHMEDABAD

Sequel To Arya Satyagrahis' Slogans

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, April 18.

A small clash occurred last night between some Arya Samajists and Muslims near Pankuranaka when procession of 300 Arya Satyagrahis for Hyderabad passed through Gheekanta Road, which resulted in injuries to four or five persons. The situation was brought under control within a few minutes by the police. The whole night police lorries were moving in the city.

The trouble arose from the uttering of slogans against the Nizam. The Satyagrahis were taken in a police van to Maninagar station to avoid conflict.

'Signallight' Under Treatment

LONDON, April 18.

Signallight, winner of the Craven Stakes at Newmarket last week and a favourite for the Two Thousand Guineas is reported to be suffering from shoulder trouble and is undergoing veterinary treatment.—Reuter.

JAWAHARLAL TO MEET BOSE

ALLAHABAD, April 18.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is leaving for Jealgora to-morrow morning to meet Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Congress President.

Panditji is expected to return here on April 20.—United Press.

Britain Won't Be Caught Napping!

FOOD CONTROL LEGISLATION

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recalled in connection with conversations with the British Government.—Reuter.

Halifax Meets Portuguese Ambassador

LONDON, April 18.

The Portuguese Ambassador Dr. Monteiro called on Lord Halifax at the latter's request this afternoon.

It is understood that Lord Halifax requested for the interview for the purpose of keeping the Ambassador informed of the latest British moves in the international situation.

Lord Halifax was no doubt able to give details of what has intervened, particularly in the Mediterranean since his last meeting with Dr. Monteiro a fortnight ago. —Reuter.

Malaya Rice To Be Affected

SINGAPORE, April 18.

The Food Control Legislation is expected to pass all stages on Monday. The chief commodities affected will be rice, of which Malaya imports fifty thousand tons monthly and tinned milk.—Reuter.

MORE DECREE LAWS IN FRANCE

PARIS, April 18.

More decree laws were adopted at this morning's meeting of Ministers, including one concerning new organisation for buying war materials.

During the meeting M. Daladier made a statement on the International situation in which he emphasised the need for vigilance. —Reuter.

GERMAN NAVAL MANOEUVRES

BERLIN, April 18.

Twentyfive warships together with auxiliary vessels participating in the cruise began assembling to-day off Heligoland.

The battleships and submarines left the Kiel Naval Base during the night, and the remainder of the squadron left Wilhelmshaven in the morning. According to an earlier official announcement, the cruise will last a month and the manoeuvres will take place in the Atlantic, west of the Spanish Peninsula.

It was stated unofficially that the ultimate destination of the squadron will be Italian harbours.

It is understood that a German squadron will visit Lisbon about April 28 during its Spring cruise. —Reuter.

Hitler And Goering Back In Berlin

BERLIN, April 18.

Herr Hitler and Field Marshal Goering returned to Berlin to-day.—Reuter.

Menzies Elected Leader Of United Australian Party

CANBERRA, April 18.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, former Attorney-General has been elected leader of the United Australia party and is the prospective Commonwealth Prime Minister in succession to Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Menzies defeated the wartime Prime Minister Hughes by a narrow majority.—Reuter.

Rumanian Foreign Minister For Britain

LONDON, April 18.

Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, will arrive in England on April 22 on an official three day visit.

The programme of talks in which he will be enaged has not yet been fixed.

M. Gafencu arrived in Berlin to-day and his official discussions there will last two days. He will then leave for Brussels "en route" to London.—Reuter.

SOCIALISTS RESIGN FROM BELGIAN CABINET

BRUSSELS, April 18.

The Socialist Ministers have tendered their resignations and M. Pierlot is reforming the Government on a two party basis.

M. Pierlot succeeded in forming a Catholic Liberal Coalition.—Reuter.

A few huts of the Bhils were gutted by a fire which broke out at mid-night, and about seven families were rendered homeless. The municipal fire squad which rushed to the scene could control the blaze after a strenuous fight. —United Press.

Fool-Proof Food Control For War

14 THOUSAND COMMITTEES SET UP: 60 MILLION RATION CARDS DISTRIBUTED: COMPLETE GOVT. CONTROL

LONDON, April 17.

WITH the object of assuring to everyone in the United Kingdom a regular and fair share of supplies of essential food stuffs at reasonable prices fixed by order in the event of a war, The Food Department has prepared elaborate plans.

Fourteen thousand local committees will be established immediately to deal with retail food supplies. Sixty million ration cards are ready.

It is confidently expected that there will be no food shortage and supplies will be available to all parts of the country uninterruptedly without the possibility of profiteering.

A scheme is ready for a smooth changeover from private trading to trading under Government control, the basic assumption being that distribution can only be carried out by existing trade organisations.

The plans envisage concentration of buying and shipment in the hands of Government, but as far as possible the Food Department will use the existing commercial organisations as their agents. All raw materials whether imported or home produced will be distributed under control.—Reuter.

Palestine Problem

Early Settlement Likely

LONDON, April 18.

Dr. Hassan Nazaat Pasha, the Egyptian Ambassador, has returned to London from Cairo where he communicated to his fellow Arab delegates to the Palestine Conference a number of queries arising from conversations since the end of the Conference between the Ambassador and the British Government.

The queries which, it is understood, cover several main points discussed during the Palestine Conference have been considered by a meeting at Cairo of the delegates of the Arab States and replies, which have not yet been formulated, will be communicated shortly to the Foreign Office.

It is understood that the Italian 'demarche' to Albania has deeply impressed the Arab States in the Near East and it is thought that steps will be taken to reach a decision on the Palestine question as early as possible and Mr. MacDonald will be able to make a statement in the House of Commons soon.—Reuter.

CROATION AUTONOMY PROBLEM

Settlement Reached Between Govt. And Opposition

ZAGREB, April 17.

The Yugoslav Premier M. Tsvetkovitch and the Croation opposition leader M. Matchek have announced that they have reached agreement on the basis for discussion of the Croation autonomy problem.

The Agreement will be referred to the parties concerned after which M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Matchek will hold a further meeting probably this week. It is emphasised once important territorial questions are settled a government could be formed representing the Government Party, the Croats and the Serbian Opposition Party.—Reuter.

TORNADO HAVOC IN AMERICA

43 Killed, 170 Injured

NEW YORK, April 17.

At least 43 people have been killed and 170 injured by tornadoes which swept five southern states.

Thousands of acres in the Ohio lowlands have been submerged and relief organisations are bringing help to the stricken area.—Reuter.

Easy Win For Lillibullero

Foxchase And Holnechase Secure Places In Great Metropolitan Stakes

LONDON, April 16.

The Great Metropolitan States run at Epsom over a distance of two miles two furlongs resulted as follows:—

LILLIBULLERO (Lynch)	1
FOXCHASE (Sibbrett)	2
HOLNECHASE (Gordon Richards)	3

Thirteen ran. Won by three lengths and one and half lengths separated the second and third horses.

Winner was trained by Pratt.

Starting Prices: 100|6 Lillibullero; 100|7 Foxchase and 100|6 Holnechase.—Reuter.

High Commissioner For Eire Sees British Premier

LONDON, April 17.

Mr. Dulanty, High Commissioner for Eire, paid a second visit to Mr. Chamberlain since Friday. Mr. Malcolm MasDonald also called on Mr. Chamerlain on his return after ten days' sick leave.—Reuter.

World Achievement.

A Famous Ride

Tschiffely's Ride!

The title of a famous book about a famous adventure was on the tip of everyone's tongue about eight years ago, and the story of the amazing man and his two amazing horses should be numbered among the great achievements of modern times.

The age of adventure and daring is not yet done, for there is still among us the man who harnessed two Patagonian steeds, Mancha and Gato, and rode 10,000 miles from Buenos Aires in South America to Washington.

They crossed the rolling South American pampas, travelling in sunshine. They scaled the Bolivian Andes, struggled through Peruvian sands, crossed bridges of swinging rope and planks, and swam crocodile infested rivers.

The dauntless three shivered among the snows of the high mountains, and sweltered in Atacama and Panama. Often they had not enough to eat or drink.

Almost every kind of insect assailed them—not to speak of vampire bats. But still they went on. When speaking of his adventure Tschiffely made light of all the troubles and setbacks they had experienced. He thought more of his two wonderful companions than he did of himself, and made play with their distaste for the hard roads and crowded cities of the United States when they exchanged the wilds for civilisation. How glad they were when, escaping from the narrow canyons of New York's skyscrapers, they were hoisted in big wooden boxes and sailed for Buenos Aires again!

Mahatma's 'Promise' To Girasias

ISSUE OF SEAT ON REFORMS COMMITTEE

Correspondence On Choice Of Arbitrator

RAJKOT, April 18.

The following is a correct rendering in English of the correspondence between Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Ranjit Singhji, President of the Kathiawar Girasia Association written in Gujerati:

Mahatma Gandhi's letter dated April 17, 1939 reads:—

RAJKOT, April 17.

"Kumar Shri Ranjitsinghji,

I have seen the handbill issued by the Rajkot Bhayats and Girasdars' Committee. The allegations made therein are serious. What has come to my notice is completely the reverse of it. There is only one solution for it. We both may appoint an arbitrator and obtain his decision on all complaints.

The object of my walking instead of going in car was plain, i.e., the processionists may have an opportunity to say and do what they might want to. In deciding to go on foot I was confident that they did not desire to cause any injury to my person. But in case they were inclined otherwise I wanted them to feel that they had me wholly at their disposal.

There is no Congress here. There is only Praja Parishad. No handbill was issued by it, of course I have issued a public appeal which is sent herewith.

Yours,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI".

Arbitration Move

RANJITSINGHJI'S REPLY DATED APRIL 17, 1939

RAJKOT, April 17.

"Dear Mahatmaji,

I have received your letter written on the morning of the 17-4-39. I have understood from your letter that you have seen the handbill issued by the Rajkot Bhayats and Girasdars' Samiti and you have felt the allegations about breach of promise as serious.

The remedy that you have suggested is that all such cases should be referred to an arbitrator for his decision. May I suggest to you in this connection that your letter dated 11-3-39 be referred to Sir Maurice Gwyer for interpretation. If you agree to the arbitration in this matter, I venture to submit that we can hardly find a person better fitted to act as an arbitrator than Sir Maurice Gwyer. If you accept my proposal I shall make all arrangements in this behalf and let you know at the earliest opportunity.

NO HARM TO MAHATMA

If you had explained beforehand your object in going on foot instead of proceeding by car to the leaders of the procession, they would have certainly listened to you. You need not have the least cause for suspicion in this respect. On the contrary, all our activities are and shall ever be non-violent and peaceful. If anybody has implanted in your mind any suspicion that we contemplate any physical injury to you, I assure you that it is absolutely out of place. I go further and say that if you or anybody else are under any such impression 50 or 25 volunteers from among our Bhayats and Girasidars will remain with you during the whole of your stay in Rajkot.

The reference made in the Rajkot Bhayats' handbill to Congress instead of Praja Parishad is only a slip of the pen. Wherever the word Congress is it is used for Praja Parishad We have received the printed appeal sent by you.

Yours
(Sd.) RANJITSINGH HARBHUMJI".

Mahatma Suggests Bombay Judge

MAHATMA GANDHI'S LETTER OF 17-4-39.

RAJKOT, 17-4-39.

"Kumar Shree Ranjitsinghji,

I have received your letter. May a misunderstanding never arise between us hereafter. As soon as I saw in the papers I decided to write to you that if you would be satisfied by the appointment of an arbitrator there could possibly be no objection to it on my part.

I suggest that we may select for the purpose some judge in Bombay. I have no objection against the Chief Justice but I am not prepared to give him all this trouble. It seems to me to be improper. That means, that if you persist in it you have to obtain his consent.

Whoever is appointed as arbitrator my condition should not be forgotten. The Committee's work should not be held up till the arbitrator's decision.

You have not replied to my other request viz. we should obtain of an arbitrator decision on the allegations made in your to-day's handbill.

Yours,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI."

Demonstrations To Cease

KUMAR RANJITSINGHJI'S LETTER OF 17-4-39.

RAJKOT, 17-4-39.

"Dear Mahatmaji,

I received your reply written in the afternoon to my letter of the morning. Myself and my Committee are very much pleased with its contents. I thank you for agreeing to obtain the decision of an arbitrator as to the interpretation of your letter of 11-3-39 addressed to me, giving a seat to a Bhayat on the Committee. You say in it "if your people desire it and the Chief Justice accepts it, you may take it that I on my part am ready."

In this connection I may inform you that we have already sent a telegram to His Excellency to get this matter decided by Sir Maurice Gwyer. Therefore the award of the Chief Justice whatever it may be, will be acceptable to us. Now it remains for both sides to take steps jointly so that Sir Maurice Gwyer may be able to take up the reference and give his decision.

Now that I have received your letter referred to above, I am taking steps for cessation of all kinds of demonstrations started by Bhayats against you.

Heartily congratulating you for the moral courage that you have exhibited in referring the dispute between you and the Rajkot Bhayats to an arbitrator.

Yours,
(Sd.) RANJITSINGH HARBHUMJI."

Final Selection Of Arbitrator

MAHATMA GANDHI'S FINAL LETTER OF 17-4-39.

ANAND KUNJ.

RAJKOT, 17-4-39.

"Kumar Shri Ranjitsinghji,

I notice in the papers that you intend to obtain the interpretation of my letter through the Chief Justice and that you have appealed to the Viceroy for it. I do not think that this is a fit case for the Chief Justice to be bothered with. Nor is there any room for persuasion on the part of the Viceroy in this behalf so far as I am concerned. If you people should desire it and the Chief Justice is agreeable, I on my part am always ready. My suggestion is that we may place this case before any judge in Bombay. If reference to an arbitrator will satisfy you I am quite game for it.

But there is one more condition and that is that pending the reference to and decision by the arbitrator the work of the Committee should not be held up. If your interpretation is accepted I shall accept your representative by withdrawing one of the Sardar's nominees from the Committee.

Yours,
(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI.

P. S.—While I was writing this letter I received your second letter. The answer to it is included in the foregoing. But even if the Chief Justice takes up your reference would it not be necessary to have an arbitrator to go into the allegations made in your handbills.

(Sd.) M. K. GANDHI."—A. P.

TO COMBAT FRONTIER RAIDS

Armed Cycle Corps To Be Organised: Other Govt. Measures

PESHAWAR, April 18.

Organisation of an armed cycle corps, increase of the district armed reserves in the Bannu and D. I. Khan districts, and enlistment of about 500 special police from among the inhabitants of these districts and mounted 'swars' to patrol the villages to watch the movement of the trans-border raiders—these are, it is reliably understood, some measures decided upon yesterday at an important conference held at Bannu between Sir George Cunningham, Governor and Agent to the Governor-General, North-West Frontier Province, Dr. Khan Sahib, Promier, Col. Campbell, Resident in Waziristan, Qazi Ataullah, Education Minister, Mr. Bhanjuram Gandhi, Finance Minister, Political Agents and high police officials.

It is further understood that these measures will immediately come into operation for combating raids and kidnappings in the southern districts of the province.

It is also learnt that watchmen will be posted in all loopholes on the marginal border lines and special telephonic arrangements are in progress.

The Governor and the Premier flew back to Peshawar last evening. Enquiries made in informed circles reveal that Government are going to do their utmost to combat the menace of raids and kidnappings in the trans-border areas.—United Press.

DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL

Orissa State's Workers' Appeal To Govt. For Early Decision

CUTTACK, April 18.

The Orissa States' workers arrested under extradition warrants and detained in the Cuttack jail, were produced before the Cuttack Magistrate to-day and the hearing of their case was postponed till May 1.

It is understood that they have made a petition to the Orissa Government urging early decision regarding extradition and stating that detention in jail without trial for months together is tantamount to curtailment of civil liberty.

It is further understood that they have requested the Minister in charge of jail to visit the jail in order to give them an opportunity to speak to him personally about some important matters.—United Press.

Chief Of Indian Mining Federation

(From A Correspondent).

JHARIA, April 16.

Rao Bahadur Devji Dayal Thacker, prominent Gujarati collieries owner, has been unanimously elected Chairman, Indian Mining Federation, Calcutta for the current year. Rao Bahadur is an ex-Chairman Bihar-Orissa Chamber of Commerce.

MUSLIM LEAGUE ALLEGATIONS

Congress Premiers Must Refute Charge, Says Satyamurthi

NEW DELHI, April 18.

The communal question with particular reference to the allegations by Muslim League leaders regarding "oppression" of Muslim minorities in the Congress-Governed Provinces is expected to be raised by Mr. Satyamurthi at the next meeting of the A.I.C.C.

In the course of a statement issued prior to his departure to Madras this evening, Mr. Satyamurthi says that the Premiers of Congress-Governed Provinces should issue a joint declaration regarding these allegations and "proving that there is no basis for these wild allegations made deliberately with a view to fomenting communal hatred." Mr. Satyamurthi characterises as fantastic the claim for dividing India into communal areas and expresses the view that such attempts can be resisted non-violently only if separate electorates go.—A. P.

INQUIRY INTO WORKING OF MINISTRIES

Nooruddin Behari's Resolution For A.I.C.C.

NEW DELHI, April 17.

An enquiry into the working of the Congress Ministries is urged in a resolution tabled for the forthcoming meeting of the A.I.C.C. by Maulana Nooruddin Behari.

The enquiry, according to the proposer, is intended to dispel misunderstanding created by communalist propaganda alleging that the Congress Governments have failed to fulfil their election manifestos pledging betterment of the masses. masses.

The enquiry is to be conducted by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Babu Rajendra Prasad, Acharya Narendra Deo, Dr. Ashraf and Maulana Nooruddin Behari.

The same member has a second resolution proposing the creation of constitutional deadlocks in the Provinces so as to secure for the Ministries a completely free hand in the carrying out of measures for the betterment of the masses. —A. P.

WANTED FRESH RESOLUTION ON WAR

Messrs. P. D. Bharadwaj, Somenath Lahiri, Sohan Singh Josh, S. G. Sardesai, V. D. Chitale and some others have given notice of the following draft resolution on War for consideration in the coming meeting of the A.I.C.C. at Calcutta:—

The National Congress has, on a number of occasions expressed the determination of the Indian people to be no party to Britain's Imperialist war. Since the Congress met last, the war-crisis has intensified; and to-day feverish preparations are being made in all countries for the impending war. The recent amendment introduced in the Government of India Act to curtail the powers of the Provincial Governments and facilitate Emergency Legislation in case war actually breaks out, shows clearly the determination of British Imperialism to drag India into war and to utilise Indian resources for war purposes.

In view of the seriousness of the world situation and in view of the attempts that are likely to be made by British Imperialism in near future to drag India into war, the A.I.C.C. deems it necessary to state afresh the policy of the Indian people with regard to war. While striving for their own freedom and independence as a nation, the Indian people desire the establishment of a world order based on Peace and Democracy and are prepared to make all necessary contribution towards it. A free India will willingly line up with the world forces of democracy in the common struggle against fascist aggression and against warmongers.

But such co-operation of India with the other forces of Democracy must be voluntary and decided upon by her own people and is therefore impossible of achievement as long as India remains under Imperialist domination.

India will, therefore be no party to the Imperialist war and will not permit her man-power and resources to be exploited in the interests of British Imperialism. With all their power the people shall resist imperialist attempts to involve India in the War, shall refuse to join the Army, to subscribe to the war loans or to help Imperialism in any manner. They shall, make every use of the war-crisis to achieve national independence.

The A.I.C.C. therefore directs the Congress Ministries to resist any encroachment on their freedom of action and to refuse to comply with any order made by Imperialism in furtherance of war. They must refuse to permit the operation of Emergency Legislation, the Anti-Recruitment Act and every other war measures in their provinces.

The A.I.C.C. calls upon the Congress organisations to hold mass meetings and rallies all over the country to explain to the people the policy of the Congress with regard to war and prepare them to carry out that policy in case war actually breaks out. The A.I.C.C. expects the States' People's organisation to launch similar campaigns in the states and prepare the States' Peoples for the coming crisis.

FIAT AGAINST CEYLON INDIANS

No Appointment To Be Made On Monthly Basis

COLOMBO, April 18.

Following the recent decision of the Ministry of Communication and Works of Ceylon dismissing 6,000 Indian daily-paid workers, another administrative fiat has been issued by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Ceylon, Mr. Wedderburn, enjoining up all the heads of the Government departments that no daily-paid Indian worker should be employed on basis of monthly pay. The circular also makes it clear that no exception to this rule should be made without the previous sanction of the Chief Secretary.

It is understood that the Minister for Communication and Works also called a conference of the heads of the various departments under his control and impressed upon them the necessity of implementing the decision.—United Press.

MILL WORKER ELECTROCUTED

Coroner's Jury On Duty Of Landlord

The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of death due to accidental electrocution, at the inquest today on one Jote Anna, a mill worker (25) residing in the B. D. D. Chawl, Naigaon.

The jury added a rider: "Although we are satisfied that death in this case was accidental we think it was the duty of the landlord Balaram G. Kumpte (who had originally applied for a metre for 9 points and one plug only) to find how and why whom no less than nine extensions had been taken in his building. In our opinion this is a case in which the Electrical Inspector to the Government of Bombay (P. W. D.) should take such action as is available under the Electricity Act, against the person or persons who took the unauthorised extensions one of which led to the death of the deceased."

Two Kolhapur Men Sent To Jail

(From Our Correspondent).

MIRAJ, April 18.

Shankar Rao Mirgunde and Vasudeva Balavant Kulkarni of Kodoli in Panhal Peta in Kolhapur State have been convicted under Criminal Law Amendment Act 17 (2) for a period of one year rigorous imprisonment with fine of Rs. 100.

A SHORT STORY

Quick Romance

BY RICHARD HILL WILKINSON

Erla knew that the thing to do was to ignore Andy Megler as completely as possible without appearing rude. Otherwise, Mae and Colin and Jim Putnam and Winnie Sheriff and all the others would think she was throwing herself at his head.

It was, of course, Mae's fault. Mae was not only romantic, she was dramatic. She was forever trying to match up people. She'd meet a man and think to herself: "He's just perfect for Joan. Somehow I'll have to get them together. Oh, they'll make a perfect match!"

Which is what had happened when she saw Andy Megler the day after she landed in Miami. "He's wonderful! He's just the type for Erla Pierce. Oh, Len", she declared, turning to her husband, "we must meet him. Erla's coming down in a fortnight, you know"

"What would you think of the idea," Len said, "of minding your own business for a change!" But, because he really thought Mae was cute and was used to doing her bidding, he contrived to have them meet Andy Megler. Ten minutes after the meeting Mae was telling him about Erla.

"Oh, you must meet her, Andy! Erla's grand! She's just your type!"

"I'll be very glad to meet her," said Andy formally and a bit stiffly.

And to Erla, Mae wrote: "Do hurry and get down, darling. I've the most wonderful man picked out for you! You'll love him. He's exactly your type."

"Thanks a million, my sweet," Erla wrote back, "but I really would adore picking out my own husband. Do you mind too much?"

But she knew that even bluntness could never dampen Mae's enthusiasm and belief in her own match-making qualities. So now, sitting on the clubhouse porch with Jim and Daisy Walton she watched Mae coming toward them with two young men in tow, and she was smart enough to know that the thing to do was never, never pretend any interest whatever in Andy Megler.

"Andy Megler and Colin Vonne," Mae said smiling meaningly at Erla. "Boys, this is Erla. Remember, I told you about her".

There was no denying that this Andy Megler was good looking. Erla admitted to herself, but as she suspected, he was too sure of himself, too aware of the impression he was making, too tolerant of other people. Deliberately she turned upon Colin Vonne and did her best to dazzle him.

"How nice to meet you both," she said, looking deep into Colin's eyes. "Mae has written me so much about you."

And when Jim untangled his long legs and suggested that they all go down into the paddock to have a look at the horses, it was Colin Vonne's arm that Erla attached herself to.

It was Colin with whom she stood at the rail and screamed as the horse on whom she had placed her bet tore around the track. It was Colin with whom she danced most that night and walked along the terrace with and looked up at the moon and thought romantic thoughts.

She hardly gave Andy Megler a glance. She was, of course, polite, but she made it quite plain that her interests were with Colin.

And indeed they were. She made the discovery three days later. Three days that seemed like three years. A lifetime. When Colin Vonne slipped his arm about her and said simply: "I love you, Erla", it seemed that she had known him forever and ever and this was the natural culmination of a long courtship during which each had studied the other and learned the other's ways and found those ways quite in accord with their own.

She had never believed in love at first sight, or even in quick romances. How silly she had been. Her lips curved into a smile. Mae had always hoped that some one of her friends would do this—would meet a man and fall in love with him at once, and even marry him before a week had passed. To Mae that was the epitome of romance.

Dear, sweet Mae. How wrong she always was about things. About trying to negotiate the perfect match. How disappointed she would be—must be now—because Erla had so completely ignored Andy Megler. Purposely she had avoided being alone with Mae during the last three days. She didn't want to hurt Mae's feelings, didn't want to tell her that she thought Andy Megler an insipid prude. She had to confess that Mae had borne her disappointment bravely. Except for a faintly puzzled expression whenever she looked at Colin and Erla she seemed quite unaffected.

So now Erla looked at Colin Vonne and she knew. She knew that all these years she had been wrong and that she loved this man. She knew that it is quite easy to figure things when you're not in love, but that things figure themselves when you are. Nothing at all matters then.

"It sounds crazy", she said. "It sounds mad and impractical and too romantic to be true, but—but it is true. I do love you. Colin! Oh! I'm sure I do!"

She waited, expecting him to kiss her, prepared: But he didn't. Not at once. His arm remained about her waist, neither slackening, nor increasing its pressure. Instead he looked at her, as though trying to read her eyes in the faint light of the moon.

Then suddenly he began to laugh, softly, then more loudly.

"So that's it?" he said. "Well, well, well! I believe you actually believe I'm Colin Vonne. I'm not. My name's Megler. Andy Megler".

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PAREL G.I.P. WORKERS' CONFERENCE

(From the Secretary Parel Branch.)

A special general meeting of the G. I. P. Railway Workers was held on April 17 at the G. I. P. Tiffin Shed Parel Workshops when Mr. D. S. Vaidya, Divisional Secretary of the Union presided.

Mr. Vaidya explained the importance of the Annual Convention of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation and emphasised the necessity of an early country wide action by all Indian Railway Workers to combat the offensive of the Railway Board against the Railway Workers in India. He then explained the importance of the Divisional Conference of Bombay Division and called upon workers to be ready for that conference.

Mr. Mathews one of the workers from Parel Workshop in his speech strongly condemned the indifferent attitude maintained by some sections the workers towards the Union. He said as one individual Railway worker he was nothing. But as a mass of 7 lakhs of Railway Workers they were a power that could not be defeated by any mighty Government.

Mr. S. H. Jhabwalla gave an account of the work done by the Union and said that before they came to grips, they to be sufficiently organised.

Mr. Shankar Lingam another worker from the shop and Secretary of the Branch explained to the workers that the Annual General Meeting of the Branch would be held at the R. M. Bhat High School on May 14 which at least 2,000 Railway Workers must attend.

Urdu Papers Asked To Deposit Security

LUCKNOW, April 18.

A security deposit of Rs. 1,000 each has been demanded from six Urdu papers in the city under the Press (Emergency Powers) Act. They are: "Asad", "Maghrib", "Gahan", "Hukumran", "Sipahi" and "Kamran". The first four are Shia papers, while the remaining two are Sunni papers.—United Press.

Hindu Gymkhana's Swimming Bath

The following resolution was passed by majority at the adjourned forty-fifth annual general meeting of the members of the P J. Hindu Gymkhana, held on Sunday, last:—

"That the General Body is of opinion that a Swimming Bath of the dimension of 20 X 25 metres be erected on the plot of land behind Kaiwalyadham, if not, on our piece of land behind the Marine Lines Station if it is in our possession or on our tennis courts Nos. 5 & 6, and if the Swimming Bath is erected on tennis courts Nos. 5 & 6, the size may be reduced to 15 X 25 metres, at the cost of about Rs. 60,000 and the money be taken from the Depreciation Fund of Rs. 83,672-2-8 as a loan at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum."

MUTT AND JEFF—There Must Be a Slight Touch of Shylock in Cicero By BUD FISHER

CICERO, MY BOY, YOU DON'T REALIZE HOW LUCKY YOU ARE! HERE'S A POOR LITTLE FATHERLESS BOY WHO LOST HIS BEST FRIEND, HIS DOG!
IT SAYS THE POOR LITTLE LAD IS LONESOME AND BROKEN-HEARTED AND IF ANYBODY CAN WILL THEY PLEASE DO SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM HAPPY AGAIN!
CICERO, MY BOY, WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO GIVE YOUR DOG TO THAT POOR LITTLE BOY, WHO HASN'T ANY FATHER, AND MAKE HIM HAPPY AGAIN?
GOSH, MOM, CAN'T WE GIVE HIM POP INSTEAD?
Fisher

Gwyer's Intervention Wrong On Principle

Rajkot Committee Should Have Been Composed Of Experts, Says Dr. Ambedkar

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Over two thousand members and followers of the Independent Labour Party thronged the Juhu Aerodrome this morning to give a send off to their leader Dr. B. R. Ambedkar who has flown to Rajkot

Interviewed Dr. Ambedkar said:—

"We all seem to be going about the business in a hopeless wrong fashion. For one thing I don't understand the idea that the personnel of the Committee should be confined to the "bona fide" residents of Rajkot.

"IN WORKING ON THIS BASIS MR. GANDHI HAS ACCEPTED THE IDEA THAT INDIANS LIVING IN ONE PARTICULAR STATE OR PROVINCE ARE FOREIGNERS IN ANOTHER STATE OR PROVINCE. IT'S A DANGEROUS LINE TO TAKE, AND, CARRIED TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION, WILL SPLIT UP THIS COUNTRY INTO TINY LITTLE BITS, MEETING THE SAME FATE AS EUROPE IS WITNESSING TO-DAY."

Parel And Rajkot

"Then there is a more fundamental question. Rajkot, it must be remembered, is a very small State. The annual income of the State is about ten lakhs, which compares hopelessly with the annual income of 3-1|2 crores, which Bombay city gets from a single tax, that on landed property. Financially, therefore, the whole of Rajkot is less valuable than say, Grant Road, or Dadar or Parel.

"What are we going to do with such a little State?" asked Dr. Ambedkar. "The idea that we should set up full-fledged parliaments in every one of these hundreds of States with elected Ministers and parliamentary Secretaries and secretariats, is too preposterous to be taken seriously. Yet it is along this line that Mr. Gandhi has been working."

Experts Needed

"The handling of the constitutional problems of a small State like Rajkot is not quite so easy as it seems. There is no meaning in asking a few local people with their limited talents and experience of constitutional problems to report on the subject. If Mr. Gandhi was serious about making Rajkot constitution a model for the smaller states he should have got together the best constitutional experts, politicians and professors in India and if necessary from outside, and put them on the Committee. Then we would have secured a report that would have been of use not only for Rajkot but for all the smaller States.

Mechanical Majority

"Then the basis on which the Committee is formed is also wrong. What Mr. Gandhi wants on the Committee is a mechanical, numerical majority.

"Mechanical majority of this kind, apart from all other considerations, is wrong in principle. It means that the issues will be decided not necessarily on their merits but by counting of hands which is certainly not how the experts carry out responsibilities of this nature.

Pact Violated

"And if we are going to follow the old methods why should Mr. Gandhi have violated the principle which he has accepted in the Poona Pact?

"The Poona Pact accepts the claim that the Depressed Classes are a separate entity that requires separate representation for the protection of their interests. It accepts that those interests cannot be represented by anyone except by the chosen leaders of the Depressed Classes.

Convene Special Session

Ram Rai's Resolution For A. I. C. C.

Mr. Ram Rai has given notice of the following resolution for the meeting of the A. I. C. C.:—

This A.I.C.C. resolves that in view of the gravity of the international situation and impending national issues and the far-reaching consequences of any vital national political decisions and the necessity of estimating public opinion, statement and feeling, and guaging the reactions of various interests and consistently with the democratic principle of referring all momentous issues to the electorate through the procedure of fresh elections on such crisis any final decisions in connection with (1) Federation; (2) War crisis and (3) Direct action for promoting the goal of complete National Independence through a constituent assembly (in conformity with the declared policy of the Congress in its resolutions at Lucknow, Faizpur and Haripura)—shall be taken at a Plenary Session of the Congress for which if urgently necessary, a Special Session shall be convened and that for any such Plenary Sessions to determine policy and action regarding the three issues mentioned hereinabove, the Delegates shall be freshly elected and required to give their mandate by specific reference to the entire Congress Electorate of primary members of the recommendations or exposition of the Working Committee or A.I.C.C. or the statement or advice of Mahatma Gandhiji in these aforesaid matters.

Ban On Labour Demonstrations

B. P. T. U. C. Deputation To Wait On Premier

The Assistant Secretary of the B. P. T. U. C. writes:—

A meeting of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress was held on Friday last, Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta presiding. Mr. Dange on behalf of the Committee appointed by the B.P.T.U.C. to interview the Premier in connection with the Gokak Mill strike placed before the meeting his report. The meeting thought it necessary to have further details and on the present situation before coming to a definite decision on the subject and, therefore, resolved that the President should visit Gokak and report.

Mr. Mirajkar, the General Secretary, placed before the meeting a letter received from the workers at Gokak communicating the resolution passed at mass meeting of the workers offering their allegiance to the B.P.T.U.C. and to accept its guidance in their fight against the millowners. The letter also invited the President to visit Gokak in order to enable the workers to put him in possession of the latest position.

KANIA REPORT

Regarding the Kania Committee Report, Mr. B. T. Randive moved and Mr. S. P. Bhise seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:—

"The B.P.T.U.C. strongly condemns the Kania Committee Report as grossly libellous and partial. The report makes unfounded charges of violence and intimidation on the basis of partial, interested and even tutored evidence, justifies the Police firing withouot the least compunction, quotes passages out of contest and distorts versions thereof to create an impression that the labour leaders were irresponsible people out for violence and intimidation and even distorts facts about trade union, unity and other developments in the labour movements to create an unfavourable atmosphere for the cause of labour. While referring to many irrelevant issues which had nothing to do with the enquiry, the Committee omits even to mention that labour was suffering under a grievance which was genuinely felt, namely, the Industrial Disputes Act. The totoal effect of the Committee's findings is to prejudice the case of labour and libel the Working Class Movement as irresponsible and unrepresentative. The grossly one sided and partial findings fully justify the decision of the B.P.T.U.C. to boycott the Committee

SEAMEN'S STRIKE ECHO

Then Mr. S. V. Parulekar moved and Mr. K. N. Joglekar seconded that

"This meeting condemns the Government of Bombay for using the Criminal Law Amendment Act in a Trade Dispute between the Seamen's Union and the Shipping Employers by effecting the arrest of a Seaman named Antonio Fernandez and others under the provisions of that Act."

"This meeting protests against the decision of the Hon. the Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly in not admitting a the use of Criminal Law Amendment Act on the ground that it was not a matter of public importance and requests the Speaker to reconsider his decision and allow the motion for adjournment of the House as a matter of greater public importance can hardly be imagined.

BAN ON DEMONSTRATIONS

The meeting then discussed the policy of the Government of banning processions through the public streets and thoroughfares in the Fort Area and demonstrations before the Assembly and the Secretariat and resolved that a Deputation consisting of the following members should wait on the Premier and the Home Minister to discuss this infringement of the elementary right of the

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JUDICIAL POWERS FOR VILLAGE BENCHES

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lage Benches would not be empowered to try cases in which immovable property was involved. Neither would they have any power to sentence any one to a term of imprisonment. There was no scope for members of the village Bench to be vindictive out of personal prejudice. The Minister further said that if a villager involved in a case had any distrust of the Bench, it was possible for him to get the case transferred.

Regarding the objection of Mr. Deshmukh against the abolition of Taluka Local Boards, Mr. Patil said that the Government's decision in this direction had been taken after mature consideration. The expenses on these Boards had proved to be too expensive without commensurate benefit. Now that panchayats were proposed to be established, it was easy to transfer the powers enjoyed by the Taluka Local Boards to the panchayats.

COLLECTORS' POWERS

The Hon. Mr. Patil said that there was no basis for the allegation that Collectors were being invested with too many powers. Even a casual perusal of the provisions of the Bill would convince anyone that no new powers were being conferred on Collectors.

Proceeding, the Minister said that it was unfair to suggest that in reserving special seats for Mahomedans, Government was trying to placate them. Government wished to do what was just.

The Opposition, said the Minister, had tried to make much of the reservation by Government of the right to appoint Secretaries. It had been said that Government wished to exploit these Secretaries for their own ends. Mr. Patil declared that the Congress Ministry would never think of exploiting its servants for party propaganda.

The splendid success which had attended the experiment of village panchayats in Baroda and other States showed that the measure before the House could be given effect to with beneficial results.

The Minister assured the House that the Government had the best interests of the villager at heart while sponsoring the Bill. He hoped the House would lend its support without hesitation.

The first two readings were put to vote and passed.

The House adjourned till 12 noon to-morrow.

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public:—1. President; 2. Secretaries; 3. Mr. Randive; 4. Mr. Dange; 5. Mr. Parulekar; 6. Mr. Nimbkar, and Mr. Bhise.

The letter received from the Secretary of the Literacy Campaign Committee was considered and the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"The B.P.T.U.C. heartily supports the Literacy Campaign and asks all affiliated Unions to actively help the Committe to make the literacy drive a success."

REVENUE TRIBUNAL FOR BOMBAY

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of the times. There was a general opinion that several complaints in revenue cases were summarily rejected and he thought it was necessary that those complaints, right or wrong, should be inquired into and that it was necessary to remove grievances if any. He thought that the cost of deciding those cases would be less in the future.

JHABVALA'S AMENDMENT

Mr. S. H. Jhabvala moved an amendment which sought the composition of the tribunal to consist of a member of the Rural Uplift department, a member of the District Local Board and the third to be the Judge of the High Court.

The Minister opposing the amendment stated that the aspect of elective principle asked by the mover now to be adopted in the Bill in order to set up a tribunal had been carefully considered by Government and the conclusion arrived at was that the object of the Bill would be defeated, if the elective principle was introduced in it There might be difficulties, whenever extraordinary circumstances arose. But apart from such a consideration, the inclusion of a High Court Judge might prove to be a costly affair and the intention of the Government was to make the running as cheap as possible, say, by the inclusion of the retired judicial officers. The inclusion of a Revenue Officer was also important, so that matter at issue might be inquired into in its proper perspective. He did not think that the person should be an expert in law but he must be conversant with the revenue problems of the Province. He further asked whether Mr. Jhabvala thought that every President of the District Local Board would be competent to judge and to decide all revenue appeals.

Mr. Desai pionted out that the constitution and the salary of the tribunal and its members should depend on the work involved. Therefore, their work should be watched for a certain period.

He assured the members that any argument in the future that the working of the tribunal would not be in consonance with the spirit of the Bill would be given every consideration by Government.

The amendment was lost and the Bill passed all the three readings.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION

Mr. K. M. Munshi, then introduced the Bill passed by the Legislative Council amending the Presidency-towns Insolvency Act and the Provincial Insolvency Act in their application to the Province of Bombay.

The object of the Bill was to give a right to the judgment creditor to have his judgment debtor adjudged insolvent for the non-payment of the judgment debt, within a reasonable time after service of notice on him, without undergoing the extra expenses and trouble of taking executive proceedings against him. It is also proposed in the Bill to exclude in computing the period of limitation for suits and applications for the execution the time between the date of adjudication and the date of the order of annulment.

Mr. Munshi moving the first reading of the Bill stated that the Bill sought to make a further provision, so far not made, in the case of a person who had no visible property which he had transferred to his nominee or fraudulently concealed from his creditor. There was no means provided for in the previous Acts to institute proper inquiries into those matters.

The Bill passed through all the three readings.

TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY

The same Minister then introduced another Bill to amend the Transfer of Property Act of 1882 and the Indian Registration Act. The Bill was intended to supplement the provisions of a clause in the Transfer of Property Act and make the registration of "lis pendens", a condition precedent to the operation of the provisions thereof. In the former Act there was no provision for compulsory registration or giving notice of the pending suit or action by the party claiming benefit under the section

The Bill passed through all the three readings and the House adjourned till Wednesday when the Harijan Bill would be taken for consideration.

Question Hour

Arrest of a band of goondas for throwing stones on the Minister's car formed the subject of several interpellations during question hour.

Questioned by Mr. Phadke, whether that it was not a fact that a band of Goondas threw stones at the motor car of the Prime Minister and Revenue Minister while they were recently on a tour at Dohad, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Minister for Law and Order admitted there was stone-throwing and about four stones hit the car of the Ministers.

Five persons had received simple injuries in the demonstration by stick blows.

Seven persons, who were Muslims were taken into custody but were subsequently released on instruction given to the Collector by the Prime Minister.

Questions on the pay of primary teachers in the province elicited the information that the question of the revision of the scale of pay of Primary teachers was at present under consideration. The average pay in Bombay Presidency was 47, which was the highest in India. The Prime Minister however admitted that the minimum salary of teachers was Rs. 15 in the Presidency.

Words of Wisdom
Nature
There is laughter in the woodlands and there's laughter in the trees, there is laughter in the sunshine and there's laughter in the breeze. There's a smile in every hedgerow, there's a lilt in every line, on the far away horizon, there is happiness divine. It is found in waving meadows, where the wind so softly blows, there is cause for your rejoicing in every flower that grows. So take joy from things around you, have the wisdom to assess the gifts that have been sent you for your earthly happiness.
MEDIUM STRENGTH
CAPSTAN
Navy Cut
MAGNUMS
W.D.& H.O. WILLS
Bristol & London
MAGNUMS
TO MAGNUMS TO
You will find the climb to happiness more easily ascended, If you smoke Wills's Capstan Magnums, — for they're so much better blended.
Better buy Capstan — they're blended better.
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Mainly About Motion Pictures

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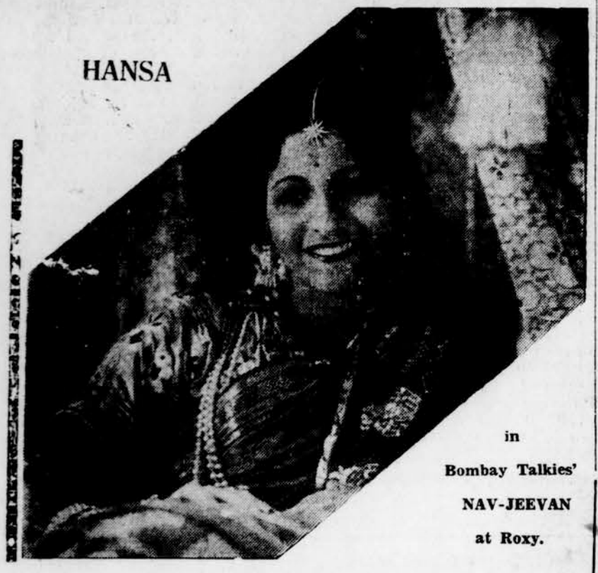

in Bombay Talkies' NAV-JEEVAN at Roxy.

About "Her Last Desire" And Crime Pictures In General

(By Our Film Critic)

If one day I suddenly decide to commit a robbery I will proceed thus: Disguising myself as an old woman, preferably a beggar woman, I would sneak round the premises of a rich man's home having previously made sure that one of his men is to leave the house with a wad of currency notes. It will be a minute's work for me to pounce upon this man, overpower him and relieve him of the cash. . . . Again if I want to entice a rich girl I will simply seek an opportunity to drain her car of petrol and when she is stranded on a lonely road offer her a ride in my own car. . . . And, finally, when I decide to "bump off" my rival gangster I will take care to carry two revolvers with me. Elementary precaution, just in case of emergency!

And on all, these occasions I will gratefully remember the Sagar picture, "Her Last Desire," now running at Minerva. For it was this film that taught me this simple technique of crime. There are other such films, too, coming from foreign as well as Indian studios that provide such instruction in delinquency.

NOT INTENTIONAL.

It should be made clear, of course, that the producers of these films are simple, honest, law-abiding folk who have no desire to encourage crime. They take up crime themes for their photoplays only with an eye to their dramatic possibilities—the other eye being on the potential box-office receipts! But, the fact has to be faced, such films do tend to glorify criminals, putting a halo of hazardous adventure round their heads. Also they broadcast new methods of crime, particularly in those Indian films which copy wholesale scenes of American gangsterism from Hollywood "thrillers." In the end, no doubt, the criminal is duly punished and the ends of justice are met but, meanwhile, the damage has been done. (Every clever ruse and stunt of the criminal in "Her Last Desire" is applauded by sections of the audience, particularly by the boys!)

Far be it from me to suggest that crime should never be the subject of a film or novel. Epics have been written on the crime motif. But it takes the genius of Dostoeovsky to write a "Crime And Punishment," a great human document, while the average studio scenarists can at best turn out "Her Last Desire." No one today would hesitate to admit that there is a lot to be said for the criminal, that society forces many an innocent man into a life of crime, that there is a spark of humanity left even in the worst criminal. But no one who does not fully understand the social implications of crime should dabble in such themes which, wrongly handled, are liable to do more harm than good to the cause of social justice.

MAYA BANERJEE
who is featured in "Her Last Desire," Sagar film at Minerva.

NO VALID REASON.

Take, for instance, the criminal whose life is portrayed in "Her Last Desire." The story, as unfolded on the screen, does not give one valid reason for his conversion to this life of crime. He was not poor—indeed, his usual attire was a smart dinner jacket—, there is nothing to show that he was blackmailed into it. There is a reference to his vendetta with his rival in love but surely if his life was threatened the best course was to inform the police and seek protection. Even the most rabid anarchist won't support the action of a man becoming an outlaw simply because another man threatens to kill him.

These considerations apart, there is something really touching about the efforts of a criminal trying to save his son from inheriting his own pernicious influence. But even this issue is clouded by so many motor cars racing, drowned in the deafening roar of a thousand revolver shots. Indeed, it is miraculous how after so much of shooting only a few casualties resulted!

It is all a pity. Yakub is definitely a good actor and there are moments towards the end of the film where he puts over a splendid performance. Evidently he has put in a lot of effort in his first Directorial 'break' and he has done it better than at least several Directors with maturer experience. I wish he had chosen (or been given) a better scenario without the objectionable crime element in it.

Maya, in her own way, is quite attractive. The young man who plays the romantic lead opposite her is promising. But their romantic pleasantries often border on the vulgar e.g. the scene where the girl steals the boy's clothes from the bath room and he follows in a car, clad in a towel.

I liked the new girl, Jyoti. She can sing and, when she has been more used to the camera, she will act quite well.

K. A. A.

GANGUBAI
who is featured in the Marathi film, "Daughter Of The Marathas," at Majestic.

SELF-RESPECTING INDIANS MUST

BAN "GUNGADIN"!

"Gangadin" is a bad joke. A dirty, snivelling joke on the Indian people".

These words were not uttered by an Indian but an eminent American film critic, Mr. James Dugan of the "New Masses," New York.

"Every Indian with any self-respect and nationalist spirit must protest and vehemently, and insistently against such degrading and blatantly imperialist propaganda films as "Gungadin."

These words are those not of a hot-headed Indian patriot but of a fair-minded British author, Ethel Mannin.

This film is to be seen this morning by the Bombay Board of Film Censors.

National Self-respect At Stake

Need one urge upon the members of the Board that the issue involved is the self-respect and honour of their country? If an American critic and a British author have thought fit to protest against this film, is it not our duty to stop this slander by every means possible?

As the person responsible for warning my countrymen against this film, I feel it my duty to sum up the reasons why I regard "Gungadin" as a base, vulgar attack on my country and my people.

I happened to be in Hollywood in August last in the course of my world tour as the Roving Reporter of "The Bombay Chronicle."

Imperialist Propaganda

I heard about the production of a film called "Gungadin," dealing with India, and managed to read the complete shooting script of the film. I also visited the R.K.O. Radio studios and saw work in progress on some of the "sets" of this film. The perusal of this script and my visit to the studio convinced me that

"Both in conception and treatment, this film is imperialist propaganda of the crudest and vulgarest sort and depicts Indians as nothing better than sadistic barbarians."

By K. AHMED ABBAS

"A Dirty Film"

Among other things, this film slanders the goddess Kali and her worshippers, shows British soldiers defiling a temple, represents the Pathans of the Frontier as treacherous bullies who torture British soldiers, shows Indians being kicked by British sergeants, and refers to an alleged sect of Indians whose sole creed is "Kill."

Is it any wonder that an Indian resident of Hollywood, after seeing the film, remarked **"It is a dirty film showing India in a very bad light?"**

Impartial Opinion

But, this Indian in far off California may have been carried away by patriotic sentiment. Let us, then, hear others, responsible foreign papers, which cannot be accused of partiality.

BRITISH SUNDAY PRESS (London):—"Thanks, Hollywood, for such a fine piece of British propaganda which we would be bashful to present ourselves.

IRISH PRESS (Dublin): "The picture is based on a poem by Kipling, the arch-imperialist jingler of catchy and famous lines—a rotten theme."

Deletion Won't Do

It is possible that after our ceaseless agitation, the R.K.O. Radio people have now cut out a few more blatant scenes. From my perusal of the script, however, I can say that even if you cut out 75 per cent of this film, still it will remain, in substance, a slander on India.

Also we should not forget that this film, this slander on India, has already been shown all over the world. How are we going to undo the terrible wrong that has been done to the honour of this country?

There is only one course left open for self-respecting Indians, including members of the Board of Censors; "Ban this Film."

Nanda Kishore and Ramola in "Tumhari Jeet," Film Corporation of India's picture, at Capitol.

Leela Desai and Najmul Husain in "Dushman", New Theatres' fine film at the Krishna (now in ninth week).

RATANBAI

In Everest Pictures "SITARA" coming to Imperial on Saturday.

Rationalize Film Industry, Says Y. A. Fazalbhoy

"Film Production," said Mr. Y. A. Fazalbhoy, Joint Honorary Secretary of the Indian Motion Picture Congresss, in the course of an interview with a Press representative, has become one of the first ten among the organised industries of India. But I cannot say by any means that its position is all that I could wish. It has in fact only just embarked on its career.

MOLINA
who is starred in "Bari Didi," New Theatres' film coming to Roxy.

PLENTY OF SCOPE

"With a population of 350 millions to cater to, not to speak of the vast and as yet unexplored overseas market, there is plenty of scope for film production in India.

"But the progress of the industry is being retarded by various factors, the effects of which can be overcome if we follow a rationalised policy in its various branches of production, distribution and exhibition.

"The want of a rationalised policy is working seriously against the progress of the industry. For instance, the number of pictures made in India in 1938 has been much less than that made in 1934.

Our cinema audience is growing, and would have grown with far greater speed had we followed a reasoned policy of consolidation combined with expansion.

"Because we do not have big corporations controlling films production, our production activities are not satisfactory and if we are to make progress, then we should take steps immediately to see that the present policy of starting small production units is stopped.

STUDY NECESSARY

The manner in which this could be done would require very detailed study and it is not the purpose of this article to deal with the same. Film production requires an organisation in which there are facilities for thorough study of the story and proper planning of the picture.

Every picture must show an improvement on the previous picture and, therefore, there must be facilities for proper study.

Our studios should pool their activities so that a large amount of production facilities become available for the producer.

By having a proper pre-production department to take care of the literary side of the picture, the producer and the director will be able to avoid mistakes that are common now, and also could avoid the repetition of ideas.

The criticism that ideas are being copied will no longer exist. If a number of studios join together, finance will be easier and the distribution methods will improve.

Theatres will welcome studios which produce pictures steadily and of improving quality and much of the present discontent among the theatres will vanish and pictures will be presented to the public in much better ways.

"Better pictures are not now produced chiefly because the resources at the command of most of our producers are in sufficient.

If we follow a policy of rationalisation it will be possible for these to pool their resources and bring out a large number of better pictures.

In many departments, from financing downwards to the exchange of artistes and the use of common musical staffs, co-ordination will enable our producers to work better and at cheaper cost.

The forthcoming Indian Motion Picture Congress, where Producers, Distributors and Exhibitors will meet together has placed a golden chance before the industry to discuss its future policy and settle sound lines on which to proceed.

K. S. HIRLEKAR FOR EUROPE

Mr. K. S. Hirlekar who is the Technical Adviser to the Agfa Photo Co., and one of the founders of the Indian Motion Picture Society of India and has been intimately connected with the Indian Film Industry for the last 12 years, is proceeding to Europe by "Comte Biancamano" sailing on the 11th May to study the development of the Film Industry of several European countries, technical and otherwise in general, and the development of the Educational and Propaganda pictures in particular.

Mr. Hirlekar's work for the Indian Film Industry is well known abroad and he has been offered all the facilities to study the problems connected with the Film Industries there. This is his second trip to Europe and he is expected back by the end of August next.

SHYAMA
who will be seen in "City of Silence," coming shortly to Diamond (formerly Globe) Talkies.

STUDIO SPY REPORTS

Moghal Palace At Minerva Studios!

"Durga", Devika Rani's New Pictures

Some of us, local film journalists, found ourselves suddenly transported into mediaeval Moghal atmosphere last week.

The occasion was a visit to Minerva Studio where Director—Producer-Star Sohrab Mody is giving finishing touches to "Pukar," a film which tells an incident in Jehangir's life, illustrating the Moghal Emperor's sense of justice.

Two of the visiting group being Messrs. Dar and Prasher from Lahore, it was appropriate that we were entertained on a "set" which was a life—like representation of the Shalimar Gardens of Lahore—complete with lawns, tanks and fountains.

NASEEM AS NUR JEHAN!

"Pukar," I understand is going to be one of those "super" spectacles. At least the "sets" we saw were imposing.

The cast is also impressive. Chandramohan plays Jehangir, Nassem is Noor Jehan and Sohrab Modi plays an important role himself.

"DURGA."

The new film of Bombay Talkies starring Devika Rani, I learnt is entitled "Durga."

Rama Shukul (and not Ashok Kumar, as originally expected) is playing the male lead. Also in the cast is Hansa who is currently seen in "Nav-Jeevan."

I HEAR.

That Devaki Bose is likely to join the Prabhat Studio.

That Madhu Bose has started work on "The Life of A Dancer", starring his wife, Sadhana Bose, at Sagar Studios.

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CAPITOL: "Tumhari Jeet," Film Corporation of India's new picture starring Chhaya Devi, progressive story, good acting by principal star.

CENTRAL: "Birth of Shivaji" Minerva picture in Marathi featuring Ameena and Keshavrao Dhaiber, historical subject with patriotic appeal for Maharashtrians, good acting by Ameena, (Second week).

EDWARD: "Vachan", Bombay Talkies film starring Devika Rani, revived.

GLOBE: "Ratna Lutari", featuring Amina and Sultan Alam.

IMPERIAL: "Rifle Girl," Saroj film starring Rose and P. Jairaj, a romance of the North West Frontier. (Last week).

KOHINOOR (Dadar): "Bramhachari", popular Huns' comedy, starring Vinayak, and Meenakshi, transferred from Majestic now in 33rd week.

KRISHNA: "Dushman," New Theatres fine film, starring Saigal, Leela Desai and Najmul Husain. Outstanding current release. Fine songs by Saigal. (Ninth week).

LAMINGTON: "Jungle King," Wadia's "jungle thriller" featuring Pramila and John Cavas. (Third week). Also topical news-reel of the marriage celebrations of Prince Shapoor of Iran with Princess Fauzie of Egypt.

MAJESTIC: "Daughter of the Marathas", Artists Combine's maiden film in Marathi, featuring Gangubai as a patriotic Amazon, defying her husband for the cause of her people. (Second week).

NOVELTY: "Bramhachari" in Hindi.

OPERA HOUSE: "Mother India," second Indian colour film, glorifying Indian motherhood. Sentimental appeal for women. Featuring Sharifa, Ghulam Mohd. Pramila, Sushila, etc.

ROXY: "Nav-Jeevan," Bombay Talkies entertaining comedy, staring Rama Shukul and Hansa. Excellent entertainment. (Fourth week).

SILVER: "Heer Sayal," in Panjabi, well-known romance of the Panjab, (second week).

THIS SATURDAY

Ezra Mir's "Sitara" At Imperial

Everest Pictures' Gipsy Film

The coming week-end's outstanding release is "Sitara," Everest Pictures' maiden production.

Directed and produced by Ezra Mir whose "Zarina" was perhaps the finest gypsy picture made in India, "Sitara" is expected to be just as entertaining and dramatic.

The cast in the film is an impressive line-up. There is Ratan Bai who, after several indifferent pictures, is said to have got a really good break. Then there are Mubarak, Nazir, Khurshid, Ashiq Husain, Mirza Musharraf, and a host of others.

Music in this film, under the direction of Rafiq Ghaznavi, is said to be a special feature.

I HEAR.

That Rose has joined the Ranjit staff and will work in Chaturbhoj Doshi's next film with Prithviraj, Durga Khote, Keshavrao Datey, etc.

That the story, scenario and dialogues of the picture have been written by Gasshyap, ex-of Bombay Talkies.

That Director Badami has practically completed Sudhama Productions' "As You Please" starring Sabita Devi and Motilal, and

That Kumar is joining Jyoti films.

Tremors That Killed Thousands

Bihar-Nepal Earthquake: Building Control Urged In North

Tremors that shook an area of 1,900,000 miles, killing over 10,000 people and destroying numberless houses within five minutes, are recalled by the publication of a memoir on the Bihar-Nepal Earthquake of 1934, just issued by the Geological Survey of India. The memoir incorporates the result of an enormous amount of evidence collected from all over the country. A preliminary account was published soon after the Earthquake.

"From a scientific and engineering viewpoint the whole Northern India within, say, 200 miles of the foothills of the Himalaya must be regarded as a region particularly susceptible to severe earthquakes", runs the warning.

Some form of building code is felt to be necessary. Such a code has been drawn up and enforced in Quetta with excellent results. So far as private buildings are concerned local municipal authorities could have the necessary control in larger towns, and in villages, with their simple houses, the local thanas could exercise the required supervision. No such control would be necessary in Public Works Department or railway buildings, but the code would provide a valuable basis of design for the engineer and the architect. It would reduce mortality and damage in future earthquake, without adding seriously to the cost of building.

WHOLE-TIME SPECIALISTS

The memoir suggests the elimination of such ornaments as towers, turrets, pinnacles, flimsy parapets and balustrades. The lay out of roads is discussed and it is suggested that whenever possible bridges should be constructed on screw piles.

The creation of a small Government department to undertake research on earthquate. The subject is too specialised to be regarded as requiring the occasional attention of the Meteorological Department and the Geological Survey. The work could be more thoroughly and authoritatively studied by whole time specialists.

There are two lines of investigation awaiting such a department:— (a) the prediction of future earthquakes as to time and place and (b) the means of minimising their effects. Delicate seismographs for recording normal tremors are not sufficient, as they are thrown out of action in severe shocks. A number of more rugged and less delicate instruments to record the severest earthquakes are needed at specially selected stations throughcut Northern India.

The Bihar-Nepal earthquake ranks with the greatest earthquakes known in history. It commenced at 2-18 p. m. on January 15 and lasted for five minutes in the central tract. The area of greatest devastation was in North Bihar and Nepal, but damage of gradually diminishing intensity extended into adjacent provinces.

Within three minutes Mongnyr and Bhatgaon were in ruins, as also large parts of Motihari, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Katmandu and Patan, whilst in Sitamarhi, Madhubani and Purnea houses tilted and sank linto the ground In Purnea 95 per cent. of the houses were said to be uninnabitable and 50 per cent. were destroyed. Across the Ganges damage in such towns as Patna, Barh and Jamalpur was severe, the roads were choked with bricks in places, as at Jamalpur, and sections of the bazar collapsed. Serious damage took place so far afield as Darjeeling and other places in Bengal.

EARTHQUAKE BELL STOPPED

Within the limits of the Indian Empire the shock was felt over a distance of about 1,000 miles from the central tract as far as Peshawar in the north-west, Fort Hertz in the east, Akyab in the south-east. Bezwada and Ongole in the south and Bombay in the South-west. Pilgrims in Katmandu reported its occurrence at Lhasa. It was felt over an area of approximately 1,900,000 square miles in India and Tibet.

The shock was recorded in most of the seismological stations of the world. The earthquake bell at the West Bromwich Observatory, England, stopped and in India the shock was so strong that none of the seismographs in Calcutta, Agra or Dehra Dun was able to make a complete record of the earth waves.

The deth roll 10.650 was low, because the shock was felt in the afternoon when most people were awake, and the maximum intensity of tremors was not reached until two or three minutes after the commencement, thus enabling people to rush out of doors. Had the disaster taken place at night, as was the case in the Quetta earthquake, the death roll would have amounted to hundreds of thousands in this densely populated tract.

The prenomena associated with the earthquake are described in detail—ground movements, landslides in the Himlaya, collapse of buildings, damage to railways, the formation of great fissures in the ground, and the emission of sand and water from fissures and from innumerable fountains which suddenly appeared over the face of the country. Although recorded in other earthquakes, this emission of sand and water was a remarkable feature and calls to mind the earthquakes at New Madrid, United States of America, in 1811 and 1812. In a zone of country called the slump belt, which extends from west of Motihari to as far east as Purunea a distance of 190 miles structures collapsed by slumping bodily into the ground.

HIMALAYA MOVING

The memoir concludes that the earthquake was caused by a movement along a fracture zone in the earth's crust below the alluvium between Motihari and Purnea and posssily continuing to Dhubri in Assam. The movement began near Madhubani and extended rapidly west-northwest, the maximum movement being in the neighbourhood of latitude 25 degree 21 minutes N. longitude 86 degrees 12 minutes E. These positions determined mathematically by Dr. Roy of the Burma Meteorological Department, were fully confirmed bv the observations of the Geological Survey officers.

Evidence is provided of the constant movement of the Himalaya throughout Tertiary times, down to the present day, a movement directed laterally towards the Peninsula and giving rise to great horizontal thrust planes. On the Peninsula, in Chota Nagpur, here has been a succession of upward movements during Tertiary times, giving rise to a general tilting towards the north. The evidence suggests that in the Gangetic plains between there has been constant subsidence. It is believed that all these movements are related. In the downward folded zone of the Gangetic plains between the two uplifted regions of the Himalaya and has Peninsula, a state of strain or potential fracture is presumed to exist.

The memoir has been written by Dr. J. A. Dunn, Mr. J. B. Auden and Mr. A. M. N. Ghosh, who were responsible for the examination of the central damaged tract, and by Mr. D.N. Wadia who inspected damaged areas of North Bengal. There is a chapter on the seismometric aspects of the earthquake by Dr. S. C. Roy.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY WORKERS' MEETING

Workers Urged To Join Labour Organisations

A meeting of the G.I.P Railway workers was held at Manmad under the Presidentship of Sjt. Rambhau Harkel. Mr. D. S. Vaidya Divisional Secretary of G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union, explained the importance of the Railway Workers' Divisional Conference to be held in Bombay at the end of May 1939. He also explained the agenda of the meeting of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation to be held at Madras on the 1st May 1939. He then pointed out how railway workers were organising on various Indian Railways.

He said, that in the interest of Indian tax payer the Railways in India must come under entire control of Indian People. Concluding he urged the workers to join labour organisations.

Literacy Campaign In Surat

Prof. V. G. Rao Provincial Commissioner, Hindusthan Scout Association, attended the general meeting of the Hindusthan Scout Association, Surat, held under the presidentship of Dewan Bahadur C. M. Gandhi when scouters and several prominent educationists were present. Prof. V. G. Rao in the course of his remarks referred to the literacy campaign and appealed to the audience to come forth to further this noble cause and complimented the Surat Association on the good work it was doing.

In Bombay

Prof. V. G. Rao and Miss Godavari Gokhale addressed a meeting of the Grantha Sangrahalaya, Bhai Jivanji lane held under the presidentship of Mr. M. N. Talpade.

All the speakers stressed on the necessity to rouse the public conscience to the need of Adult Education with a view to liquidate illiteracy in the City of Bombay and made an earnest appeal to the audience to help the movement.

PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN IN SUBURBS

Committee For Organising Propaganda Formed, Central Office Opened At Andheri

A meeting of the Bombay Suburban District Prohibition Committee was held at the Gazdar Hall, Andheri, to consider the scheme and plan of organization as submitted by its Provisional Committee appointed at its Bandra meeting. Some of the main functions of the committee will be propaganda, vigilance, recreation with a view to organize counter attraction to the addicts and starting centres of constructive works so as to give relief and employment to those who may lose their livelihood.

An influenial committee representing all sections of the suburban residents including Parsi, Muslims, Christians, Koli and Bhandari have been formed and Shri Chunilal D. Barfivala and Shri Indravadan Oza are elected as President and Secretary respectively.

The office of this committee will be located at the Gazdar Hall's ground floor, Andheri. A resolution requesting the Vile Parle Municipality to lend the use of these premises has been unanimously passed.

The Committee will meet shortly to form a central executive committee and will start its work forming village, ward and mohalla committees throughout the Bombay Suburban District.

Musical Concert At Mody Memorial Hall

A grand musical concert was put up in Sir Jivanji Mody Memorial Hall by the young musician Vistasp A. Bulsara, under the chairmanship of the well-known educationist and social worker Mr. Eruch R. Golwalla on Sunday.

Mr. Golwalla defining a "concert" did not like the idea of describing a 'variety entertainment' which contained physical exercises or magic tricks as a "concert" as some people did. The Chairman emphasized that a concert was only a musical entertainment and nothing else.

Dr. Dara Hakim thanked the Chairman Mr. Golwalla and Master Vistasp garlanded Mr. and Mrs Golwalla, after which the concert was over when all those present had the satisfaction of having passed their time very enjoyably.

Crimes On Increase In U. P.

Loss Of Respect For Law & Order In Villages; Police Administration Report

LUCKNOW, April 13

The state of political unrest and the consequent lack of contact and co-operation with the local police due to changed conditions to which the Force is gradually becoming accustomed; the changed conditions in the village leading to loss of respect of law and order; the continued tendency to undermine the morale of police officers by constant suspicions of their honesty and integrity brought home to the villagers by irresponsible orators in the rural areas; and a far better standard of recording crimes and a far greater tendency on the part of the public to report minor cases—these contributed to the increase in number of reported crimes in the United Provinces, says the Report of Police administration for the year 1938 which has been forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police, by Mr. G. D. Pargin Superintendent of Police.

There was an appreciable increase in the number of murder attempts at murder, grievous hurt, kidnapping house-breaking and theft. Referring to cognizable crimes the report states that the total number of true cases including those reported to Magistrates was 36585 as against 29693 of last year.

There was a decrease in the number of dacoities. Dacoities came off very badly in 50 per cent. of the cases of house dacoities when met with organised resistance from villagers. This type of resistance, observes the report, is obviously the best cure for dacoits. Adequate rewards to villagers have been distributed."

The year under review, states the report, has been one of continued strain on the police force understaffed as it was for coping with conditions that prevailed. Demands for police enquiry increased throughout the district and proceedings under criminal procedure code to be instituted in larger number with the result that police work of the year was devoted rather to maintenance of peace than to adequate supervision and detection of crime. The demand for inquiries and reports called for by Government increased the thirst for information from the legislators entailing much laborious clerical work.—A. P.

BETRAYAL IN KOLHAPUR

(Continued from Page 6).

ordered by Mahatma Gandhi in all the States gives a good opportunity and time to the State authorities amicably to meet the demands of the people. Gandhiji's advice has been unquestioningly followed by the people in almost all the States, but the State authorities seem to be still adamant. Unfortunately the State authorities are failing to read the signs of the times. If the issues are left unsettled for long, the people must keep themselves ready to face the conflict. As suggested by Gandhiji, the period of suspension will be utilised by the States people to organise constructive work which is bound to help their cause.

After the imposition of the ban on the State Conference, the Conference workers, after consulting Mahatmaji decided to hold the session in British territory and not to defy the ban imposed by the State so long as the period of suspension continues. The ban has naturally provoked and agitated the minds of the people but the conference workers in Kolhapur have shown marvellous restraint in speech and action. They refused to be provoked by the high-handed action of the State authorities and have advised the people to remain non-violent and peaceful. The conference met on the 15th under the presidentship of Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya near Sangli on a patch of ground in the British territory. The conference workers spared no pains in moving through the peasantry of the State. In spite of all the efforts on the part of State authorities it was a huge success. Thus the organised will of the people will not fail to secure its objective, and one hopes that it will evoke timely response to redeem the solemn pledge given to the people.

LUCKNOW, April 17.

Plague took a toll of 164 lives and there were 288 seizures during the week ended April 8, as against 372 deaths and 209 seizures recorded in the previous week.

There were 52 seizures and 16 deaths from cholera during the week and smallpox recorded 83 and 16 respectively.—United Press.

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ASSAM OIL CO. WORKERS' STRIKE CONTINUES

The Secretary, Assam Oil Company Labour Union, Digboi, has issued the following:—

Strike in the Assam Oil Company continues. According to the expressed wishes of the Union, the strikers have been non-violent and peaceful. But a great discontentment prevails against the Company's continued attempt to recruit outside labours with the help of police and military. Excepting a few stray cases, the Company has not so far succeeded in achieving this end. Bulletins threatening the strikers with dismissal are continually being issued by the company.

A true copy of the Company's latest bulletin, dated 14th April, '39 is given below to prove the solidarity of the strike as per their own version:—

"Bulletin No. 4|1939.

13th April, 1939.

"The Company wishes to make it clear to all its employees that they have nothing to gain by continuing the strike, because the Company is not going to yield to the Union's demands. On the contrary, they have much to lose, because their jobs are being filled by new men, who will not be discharged to make room for strikers. There are over 130 men at work to-day, 100 of those are new men. How many to-morrow? Think carefully. How much pay will be due to you at the end of the month?"

(Sd) P.D.M. Lingeman,
Actg. General Manager,
Assam Oil Company, Limited."

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Bill To Restrict Increase Of Rents

Sequel To Levy Of Immovable Property Tax

A Bill to restrict the increase of rents of certain premises in consequence of the levy of the urban immovable property tax in the Province of Bombay is published in the Bombay Government Gazette. The following are relevant extracts from the Bill:—

Whereas it is expedient to restrict the increase of rents of certain premises in consequence of the levy of the urban immovable property tax in the Province of Bombay; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Bombay Rent Restriction Act, 1939.

(2) It shall extend to (i) the City of Bombay, (ii) the limits of the Municipal boroughs of Thana, Kurla, Bandra and Ahmedabad, (iii) the limits of the Municipal districts of Vile Parle, Ghatkopar-Kirol and Juhu in the Bombay Suburban District, (iv) the notified areas of Malad, Kandivali, Borivali, Chembur and Mulund in the Bombay Suburban District, Bhayandar in the District of Thana and Sabarmati in the District of Ahmedabad, and (v) the limits of the Cantonment of Ahmedabad.

(3) It shall remain in force up to and inclusive of the 31st day of March 1940:

Provided that the expiration of this Act shall not render recoverable any rent which during the continuance thereof was irrecoverable or affect the right of a tenant to recover any sum which during the continuance thereof was under this Act recoverable by him.

APPLICATION OF THE ACT

The provisions of this Act shall apply to premises, the standard rent of which does not exceed Rs. 80 per month. Provided that the Provincial Government may direct that all or any of the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any particular premises or class of such premises.

When under the provisions of this Act, any question arises for the determination of a Court or any order is to be made by a Court, such question shall be determined or such order made by the Court having cognizance of the suit or proceeding, if any in relation to which such question arises or such order is to be made.

'STANDARD RENT' DEFINED

The expression "standard rent" in relation to any premises means—

(a) the rent at which the premises were let on the first day of January, 1939; or

(b) where they were not let on the first day of January, 1939, the rent at which they were last let before that date; or

(c) where they were or shall be first let after the first day of January 1939, the rent at which they were or shall be first let; or

(d) in any of the cases specified in section 15 the rent fixed by the Court.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, where the rent of any premises has been or is hereafter during the continuance of this Act, increased above the standard rent, the amount by which the rent payable exceeds the amount which would have been payable had the increase not been made shall, notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, be irrecoverable:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply—

(a) to any rent which accrued due before the first day of January 1939,

(b) to any periodical increment of rent accruing due under any agreement entered into before the first day of January 1939, or

(c) to rent payable under any lease entered into before the first day of January 1939, which has not expired on the said date.

(2) For the purposes of this section the rent shall be deemed to have accrued from day to day.

Where the landlord has since the first day of January, 1939, incurred, or during the continuance of this Act incurs expenditure on any improvement or structural alterations of any premises, (not including expenditure on decoration or ordinary repairs) an increase of rent at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent per annum on the amount so expended shall not be deemed to be an increase for the purpose of section 5.

INCREASE

(1) Where, as the result of any alteration in the terms of the tenancy, the terms on which any premises are held are on the whole less favourable to the tenant than the previous terms, the rent shall be deemed to be increased for the purposes of this Act, whether the sum payable as rent is increased or not.

(2) Where, as the result of any alteration of the terms of the tenancy, the terms on which any premises are held are not on the whole less favourable to the tenant than the previous terms, the rent shall not be deemed to be increased for the purposes of this Act, whether the sum payable as rent is increased or not.

Where a landlord pays any municipal rate, cess, or tax in respect of any premises, any increase of the rent thereof shall not be deemed to be an increase for the purpose of section 5, if the amount of the increase does not exceed any increase in the amount for the time being payable by the landlord in respect of such rate, cess or tax over the amount paid in the period of assessment which included the first day of January, 1939.

RENT NOT TO BE INCREASED.

Notwithstanding anything contained in section 8 or any law for the time being in force, or any contract, no landlord shall recover from his tenant the amount of the urban immovable property tax or any portion thereof levied under section 22 of the Bombay Finance Act, 1932, in respect of any premises occupied by such tenant by any increase in the amount of the rent payable or otherwise.

(1) It shall not be lawful for any person, in consideration of the grant, renewal or continuance of a tenancy of any premises, to require the payment of any fine, premium or any other like sum in addition to the rent.

(2) Where any such payment has been made after the first day of January 1939, the amount shall be recoverable by the tenant by whom it was made from the landlord, and may without prejudice to any other method of recovery be deducted from any rent payable by him to the landlord.

(3) Nothing in this section shall apply to any payment under any agreement entered into before the first day of January 1939.

NO ORDER FOR EJECTMENT.

No order for the recovery of possession of any premises shall be made so long as the tenant pays or is ready and willing to pay rent to the full extent allowable by this Act and performs the other conditions of the tenancy:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply where the tenant has committed any act contrary to the provisions of clause (o) or clause (p) of section 108 of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, or has been guilty of conduct which is a nuisance or an annoyance to any adjoining or neighbouring occupiers, or where the premises are reasonably and *"bona fide"* required by the landlord either for the erection of buildings or for his own occupation or for the occupation of any person for whose benefit the premises are held, or where the landlord can show any cause which may be deemed satisfactory by the court.

(2) Where any order of the kind mentioned in sub-section (1), has been made on or after the first day of January 1939 but not executed before the commencement of this Act, the court by which the order was made may, if it is of opinion that the order would not have been made if this Act had been in operation at the date of the making of the order, rescind or vary the order in such manner as the court may think fit for the purpose of giving effect to this Act.

When any order for the recovery of possession of any premises has been made under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section II on the ground that the premises are reasonably and *bona fide* required by the landlord either for the erection of buildings or for his own occupation or for the occupation of any person for whose benefit the premises are held and the premises are not used for the erection of buildings or occupied by the aforesaid persons within three months of the date when possession has been obtained or are relet within the same period to any person other than the original tenant, the court by which the order was made may on an application of the original tenant made within six months of such date place him in occupation of the premises on the original terms and conditions and if in the opinion of the court the premises were not reasonably and *bona fide* required by the landlord for the aforesaid purposes, direct payment to him by the landlord of such compensation as the court may think fit.

DISTRESS WARRANTS BARRED.

No distress warrant shall be issued under chapter VIII of the Presidency Small Cause Courts Act, 1882.

(a) for any rent which is under the provisions of this Act irrecoverable, or,

(b) unless the person applying for a warrant under the said chapter of the said Act, shall, when making his application for the same, swear or affirm that none of the rent, in respect of which the warrant is applied for, is irrecoverable under this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this Bill is to restrict, in consequence of the levy of the urban immovable property tax in the Province of Bombay, the increase of rents of premises, the standard rent of which does not exceed Rs. 80 per month. The various clauses of the Bill relating to incidental matters are self-explanatory. The Bill has received the sanction of the Governor of Bombay.

LUCKNOW.—The U. P. Encumbered Estates (Amendment) Bill as amended was passed in the U. P. Legislative Assembly to-day.—United Press.

TABLE TENNIS EXHIBITION IN BOMBAY

WORLD CHAMPIONS IN ACTION

The appearance of I. Kelen and M. Szabados, the Hungarian Table Tennis stars who have made a mark in several world championships, unfortunately did not attract the crowds they should have last night at the Brabourne Stadium. The attendance was sparse, although the games provided one of the most fascinating of exhibitions ever staged in Bombay.

R. E. Kumana was the only local man to make something of an impression on M. Szabados, K. H. Kapadia, the Bombay Champion, proving an utter disappointment against I. Kelen. The game between M. Szabados and I. Kelen, the night's piece de resistance, was a veritable treat, the former displaying amazing retrieving powers and the latter lightning smashes and tricky services.

RESULTS.

The following are the results:

I. Kelen beat H. R. Kanga 21—7; 21—6.

M. Szabados beat F. R. Nariman 21—15; 21—9.

I. Kelen beat K. H. Kapadia 21—13; 21—11.

M. Szabados beat R. E. Kumana 21—9; 21—12.

I. Kelen and Miss Madon lost to M. Szabados and Miss P. de Lima 21—19; 8—21; 11—21.

M. Szabados beat I. Kelen 14—21; 21—13; 21—18.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

10 p.m.

I. Kelen vs. H. M. Barafwala.

M. Szabados vs. H. B. Parelwala

I. Kelen vs. D. H. Kapadia.

M. Szabados vs. K. H. Kapadia.

I. Kelen and I. N. Laljee vs. M. Szabados and H. M. Barafwala.

I. Kelen vs. M Szabados.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Bombay Natural History Society came off on Tuesday, with the Governor of Bombay in the Chair. Mr. P. M. D. Sanderson presented the report and the Governor in his speech congratulated the Society on its activities and characterised the exhibition of Nature Photography as a notable advance. Detailed proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Driver And Two Firemen Arrested

Bengal Train Disaster: 33 Dead Bodies Recovered So Far

CALCUTTA, April 18.

Mr. W. J. Pearson, driver of the Dacca Mail which was involved in yesterday's disaster has been arrested along with the two firemen of the same train under Section 101 of the Railways Act, on a charge of negligence and endangering public safety and under Section 54 Cr. P. C. All of them were subsequently bailed out on Rs. 500 each.

Four more dead bodies were brought to Calcutta this afternoon making the total number of dead bodies removed to Calcutta 33. Salvage operations are still going on at the site of the accident.

Enquiries made in Medical College Hospital show that the condition of Mr. Manoranjan Banerjee, M.L.A. (Bengal), who was seriously injured in the accident is critical and causing grave anxiety.—United Press.

FOUR MORE DEAD BODIES FOUND

SEALDAH, April 18.

Wiring in connection with the train collision at Majdia station, the Divisional Superintendent of the Eastern Bengal Railway (Broad Gauge) at Calcutta says that four more dead bodies (3 male and one female) were found on removing the debris. The bodies could not be identified, and are being brought down to Calcutta by 32 Down of date.

According to the Superintendent, double line working has been resumed at 2-50 p. m. today under a restricted speed of five miles an hour at the site of the accident. The first train to pass after the resumption of double line working was No. 4 (Down) Mail.—United Press.

ANOTHER CONGRESS M. L. A. SUCCUMBS

CALCUTTA, April 18.

Mr. Manoranjan Banerjee, M.L.A. (Bengal), who received serious injuries in the Dacca Mail disaster yesterday morning expired at Calcutta Medical College Hospital at 7-45 this evening.

He was a prominent Congress leader of Dacca and had been in the forefront of Congress activities during the last 20 years.—United Press.

'STILL ROTTING IN JAIL'

Bengal Politicals' Appeal To Gandhiji

CALCUTTA, April 18.

Political prisoners in the Dum Dum Central Jail have sent a wire to Gandhiji that Gandhiji's assurance for the release of all political prisoners during one year has already expired and that 150 political prisoners in Bengal and Punjab are still rotting in jail.

The telegram further requests Gandhiji to come, meet and guide them in the service of the country. They opined that they must meet Gandhiji before deciding upon their future line of action and programme.—United Press.

ROME, April 17.

Count Teleki, the Hungarian Premier, and Count Csaky, his Foreign Minister, arrive to-morrow morning on a three-day official visit.—Reuter.

ABSOLUTE LOYALTY TO MAHATMA

Poet Commends Gandhiji's Sole Guidance For All Congress Politicians

CALCUTTA, April 18.

"Valuable time has been lost in futile recriminations and we must immediately gather all our forces under the sole guidance of Mahatmaji in absolute loyalty and thus make wise use of the great opportunity that has come our way".

Thus declared Poet Dr. Rabindranath Tagore when interviewed by the "United Press" in connection with the latest developments in Congress politics.

The Poet added: "Whether the cause of the present unhappy situation be political or personal, whether the resulting bitterness was avoidable or inevitable, I have no doubt that no exercise of political power or wit on either side will cure it. Only an appeal to our moral self can remind us that though much may have happened that can justify this fatal unmindfulness of our permanent need of national unity at a time when we are still marching on, nothing is more dangerous than mutual suspicion and fault-finding which may betray it.

"I, therefore, appeal to my countrymen not only of Bengal but of all-India to forgive little things for the sake of great ends".

Poet Tagore who looked tired and exhausted left for Puri to-night where he stays for ten or twelve days.—United Press.

ARCHIBALD TO MEET ROBAK

World Featherweight Boxing Title

PROVIDENCE (Rhodeisland). April, 18.

Joey Archibald is defending the World Featherweight Boxing Championship against Leo Robak of Chicago in a fifteen-round contest. This will be the first world championship ever held in Rhode Island.

The betting is about even.—Reuter.

Gonda Volunteers For Hyderabad

(From Our Correspondent.)

GONDA, April 16.

The City Arya Samaj has sent its first batch of four Satyagrahis under the presidentship of Sjt. Gur Prasad to offer Satyagraha at Hyderabad.

There was a great sensation in the court room of Mr. S. B. Mathur, Magistrate 1st Class, Gonda, when a man named Bindbasni Prasad alias Rajendra Pratap Singh describing himself as a Congress Volunteer of Basti rushed on him on the dais in his Court room, after Mr. Mathur had delivered judgment in a case under Sec. 188 I. P. C., which was a sequel to Balrampur Sugar Factory Strike in January, 1939. The assailant was caught by Mr. Mathur himself. The Police Inspector and Court staff arrested the man.

A case under Sec. 353 I. P. C. has been registered against the man in the Court of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gonda.

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Ghuznavi Resigned From Muslim Bloc

Disappointed With 'Useless And Sterile' Policy Of Neutrality In Central Assembly

NEW DELHI, April 18.

Sir A. H. Ghuznavi has issued a statement setting forth the reasons which actuated him to resign from the Muslim League Party in the Central Assembly.

Sir A. H. Ghuznavi says: "Since the announcement of my resignation from the Muslim League Party in the Central Assembly I have been flooded with enquiries as to my reasons for it. The enquiry has been so persistent and come from so many different quarters that I have no alternative other than seeking the assistance of the Press in this connexion, even at the risk of giving the matter more publicity than I ever intended to.

NO LIGHTHEARTED ACTION

"At the very outset let me assure my inquiring friends that it was not with a lightheart that I made my choice. I was fully conscious that the Muslim nation in India and elsewhere had been passing through a period of stress and tribulation and that no action should be taken by an individual if it is likely to add to them. I therefore subjected myself to very serious searching of the heart before I came to a decision

"In the first place, I asked myself what was it that led to the formation of the party and why was it such a success from the very start. The Party was formed to unite and consolidate the Muslim elements in the Central Assembly, who up to a year ago had counted for very little, as they were divided into small groups and on all important divisions completely stultified themselves by dividing almost equally between the two lobbies. The effect of this consolidation of a very large majority of the Muslim members under one banner incidentally vested the Muslims with power to influence the decisions of the Assembly in whichever direction they pleased."

BARREN POLICY OF NEUTRALITY

It thus became the instrument for the effective enforcement of Muslim policy at the Centre. The pity of it is that the Muslim League has so far failed to define its policy in most matters that come up before the legislature. But nevertheless the Muslim League Party having held the balance of power in the Central Legislature was able to and did in fact, bring about positive decisions in all vital matters in accordance with its wishes. That was the source of its strength and power.

"The next consideration was whether there had been of late an abandonment of that position and a departure from that policy. Undoubtedly there had been. During the last fortnight or three weeks the Party had voluntarily abdicated that position and condemned itself to the pursuit of a barren and futile policy of neutrality in all matters of importance which led nowhere.

"More than that. Even this policy of neutrality was not being followed in its entirety. For members were at liberty to give expression to their individual views on any matter that came before the Assembly. The result was that the Party were making themselves ridiculous and would soon cease to command respect and attention.

STRAIN OF JINNAH'S LEADERSHIP

"Further, it is an open secret that serious differences have arisen inside the Party since this policy has been announced which the strong personality of the Leader of the Party has so far enabled him to suppress, but the strain of this leadership is soon likely to break the party into fragments and to relegate the members to the position which they occupied before the Party was formed. The differences that arose inside the Party over the Indo-British Trade Agreement and the pressure that was brought to bear upon different sections of the Party to persuade them to continue the futile attitude of neutrality nearly rent the Party asunder. In all likelihood the strain may prove too much for the members in the near future."

"What then should be our policy in the Centre? Frankly speaking, I have not been able to reconcile myself to this policy of neutrality which appears to me to be a counsel of despair. I consider that political party is after all an instrument for the achievement of certain objectives and it would not be right to sacrifice the objectives themselves for the sake of the instrument. By mere organisation the Muslims cannot expect to hold their own in India. There must be something more. To me it appears to be obvious that for the Muslims, situated as they are at the Centre, it is open to pursue one out of two possible courses; they should either decide to make common cause with the Congress and join them without reservation in the effort to secure political freedom for India, leaving their differences with the Congress to be settled after the common goal has been achieved, or they should elect to fight the Congress and to convince it that it is impossible to carry on the struggle for freedom until the differences between the two communities have been settled.

"USELESS AND STERILE"

"In case it is decided to follow this last course, it would have to be made clear to the government that though this struggle between the representatives of the two major communities in India may have the incidental effect of enabling the Government to win all important divisions in the Central Assembly, Government should not delude themselves with the idea either that they have suddenly become popular or that their policy has become acceptable to the country. Any advantage that may thus accrue to the Government could be more than made up after the differences between the Congress and the Muslim League have been resolved.

"The Muslim League Party at the Centre, however, have decided to follow neither of the two courses. They have declared that the Congress is their enemy and the Government is not their friend and that consequently they will not fight the Congress because that would help the Government and they will not fight the Government because that will help the Congress. A more useless and sterile policy it would be difficult to imagine."

MUSLIM LEAGUER STILL.

"My conviction is that the pursuit of this policy will render the Muslims of no account in Central politics and will force upon Government the conviction that the only true basis of a political settlement is to come to terms with the Congress. Government have already given a number of indications that their policy strongly tends in that direction and the exhibition that the Muslim League Party have given of their bankruptcy in statesmanship and political foresight will serve to remove any doubts that Government may have had in their minds. I would ask my late colleagues in the Muslim League Party and the Muslim public to give serious thought to the matter and give a definite shape to the policy that they intend to pursue.

"Lastly, I hope that in making this statement I have succeeded in my effort to refrain from saying anything which might cause bitterness or resentment. Although I have not been able to see eye to eye with my many esteemed friends and colleagues for whom I have great respect and have left the League Party at the Centre, nevertheless I shall always remain a Muslim Leaguer and do all that lies in my power to serve the Muslim cause in India, both inside the legislature and outside it. I shall also be prepared to give my fullest cooperation to the Muslim League Party or to any other Party which may undertake the safeguarding of Muslim rights, provided they define their policy clearly and then pursue it unswervingly."—A. P.

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EXCURSION TO ELEPHANTA

The South Indian Association at Matunga organised on Sunday last an all day pleasure sea cruise. About 125 people participated, and the party consisting as it did of members of the association and non-members as well as a sprinkling of Christians and a Muslim from South India, was cosmopolitan in its composition.

The steamer called at Elephanta at about 11 o'clock and the entire party dividing itself into six or seven small groups went in a country craft to visit the caves of many sided interest—religious, historical, archaeological and art. The climb was no doubt a bit tiresome, but it was undergone with enthusiasm. The party visited Noava island also.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN IN TROUBLE

Govt. Order Inquiry Into Conduct Towards Mistresses

(From Our Correspondent.)

NASIK (By Mail.)

As the result of serious allegations against Mr. J. A. Lal, Chairman of the Nasik Municipal School Board, regarding his conduct "vis-a-vis" mistresses in the municipal schools that have appeared in a section of the Press, with facsimiles of letters alleged to have been addressed by him to one of the mistresses, the Bombay Government have ordered an inquiry into the matter and Mr. R. M. Bhise, the District and Sessions Judge, Nasik, has been appointed to hold the inquiry.

The Collector of Nasik in the course of his notice displayed all over the city announcing the appointment of the inquiry officer on behalf of the Government, has appealed to the public to cooperate with the Government in the matter by coming forth with their complaints and evidence in support thereof, against Mr. Lal at an early date. In response to the appeal a large number of complaints from primary teachers, guardians and wards of girl students in the municipal schools, as also mistresses and their relations and guardians are reported to have been already lodged with the inquiry officer.

It will be recalled here that one of the school mistresses had already approached Hon. the Minister for Education, the Premier, with her complaint against the chairman along with the letters reported to have been addressed to her by him, through one of the Congress M. L. A.'s, and the Collector had conducted preliminary inquiries into the matter, prior to the appointment of Mr. Ehise as inquiry officer.

The scandal has created a considerable sensation in Nasik in particular and Maharashtra in general.

Cawnpore Municipal Board's Decision

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, April 18.

Great resentment against Germany was expressed by Cawnpore Municipal Board which accepted a tender submitted by a British firm in preference that submitted by a German firm although the latter was lower by nearly Rs. 52,000.

Tenders were invited for water works reorganisation scheme. The British tender was for Rs. 408,245 and the German tender for Rs. 355,313. Several members favoured the German tender on the ground of its being the lowest one.

The German firm had circulated a statement amongst the members appealing to their "sense of justice" and asking them to consider the tenders on their merits. The consulting Engineers' Board and the Superintending Engineer of the U. P. Government, however, were all in favour of the British tender. Mr. Sriratan Shukla, a member of the Board and a Congress M.L.A., opposed the acceptance of the British tender. His reasons being that the British vested interests had carried on persistent propaganda for its acceptance and that the "Pioneer" and the "Statesman" had been instrumental in this propaganda. He also wanted to show to the world that the Board had nothing to do against any country. But by a majority the Board accepted the tender of Messrs. Worthington and Simpsons (the English firm) against Messrs. Siemen (German firm).

Alleged Murder Case Of Jhalrapatan

Mr. Mohamadally Allabux of the Bohra Defence Committee, writes:—

The attention of The Bohra Defence Committee, appointed in connection with the defence of certain Bohras arrested at Jhalrapatan, on the charge of the alleged murder of a boy; has recently been drawn to certain reports and resolutions in which allegations appear to have been made against His Highness the Ruler of Jhalawar that the Bohras have been arrested for the purpose of extracting money from them. The Committee has no hesitation in denying these allegations against His Highness and in saying that the allegations are not true and have no foundation.

Our European Letter

(Continued from Page 6.)

tious German sympathy, probably Berlin has even lent an urge to the move, as a demonstration against London's moves to extend certain contacts in Eastern Europe. All these factors, as various informed circles closely hold, project prospects of turns of much significance in the period ahead and of cross-currents getting more keenly to be at play.

German-Polish Tension.

Relations between Germany and Poland remain rather tense. The conclusion of the Anglo-Polish Agreement of recent date has caused much annoyance in Berlin. The German press continues to refer to it with irritation and antagonism. There is a reckoning of its possible weight, though this is disguised, and Poland in German press reports and comments is warned about moves in the direction of strengthening of contact with the West bringing no satisfactory support or support of assertive and timely value and as being fitted to lead to repercussions of risky character to Poland. This is a part of German tactic and propaganda. At the same time, it looks as though Germany has well in mind the extension of a pressure on Poland, for the while both to increase a strain on Poland and to study reactions abroad. There is in Berlin also hope of limiting the scope of the Anglo-Polish Agreement. As far as Poland is concerned, both anxiety and alertness, show an increase.

In the event of an aggressive advance against her from German side as matters are Poland will resist. Certain claims will be pushed and a propaganda campaign of increasing vigour developed in connection much as in the case of Czechoslovakia. Linked with this and a tension that has developed and probably will increase, incidents might arise. Polish reaction to such incidents, should they be employed by Berlin to push up claims will not be so quiet as that of Czechoslovakia. Poland, it would appear, has now a little over a million men under arms. According to reports from Warsaw, special military steps newly adopted, are to be kept up for the while. These no doubt will get to weigh heavily on Poland and it is a part of German calculation to try keenly both Polish nerves and resources. This is a path that Germany might advance, if constructive steps are not taken from other sides to meet it and a course much of a kind of blackmail might pave the way to conflict or aggression.

The Polish-German tension gains an added interest, both because it holds strongly the possibility of assuming a sharp turn and Germany has more or less indicated the need of certain issues in relation to Poland and Germany needing a revision, principally, Danzig and Corridor. Polish sensitiveness about the latter is great, in the light of a role assumed by Germany in relation to Czechoslovakia. This is understandable. Certain circumstances in favour of Germany in the matter of some of her initial claims seen in abstract make no difference to this. A fate that has overtaken Czechoslovakia is much the consequence of the tendency in various centres to look upon certain factors as pushed by Nazi Germany much in the abstract and greatly in detachment. A keenness maintained by Germany to emphasize such an abstract approach held as fitted to advance wider aims and a sensitiveness of Poland makes the issue of Polish-German relations one of the main issues in Europe at present, likely in the period before to assume a serious character and may be some sharp turns.

Czechs Revert to an Old State.

The Czechs have now reverted to an old state, both at home and abroad. In their own land the establishment of the German protectorate means the extinction of independence and extension of an external domination compared to which the ancient Habsburg one was in many ways a mild one. The Germans are in Prague, lording and bossing over the town, loudly and visibly. The Czechs are much down. They go about their business quietly, struck with much grief and with hopes retained in many though kept submerged, hopes of another order and a different future. A tendency in several to turn hard greatly on the regime that existed before the Munich Agreement as having been greatly responsible for a severe turn has diminished in circles.

It is felt that even if a different course had been pursued earlier, Nazi Germany would have advanced to assert practically its aims. The fate of Achmed Zogu lends a support to this. Imperialism on advance closely retains a fixity about aims and makes changes unless met by strong forces but in pace and methods. In the German press reports the Czechs now deprived of initiative and power to assert their views have become suddenly "good fellows." The Albanians will be so soon in the Italian press reports. Abroad the Czechs are active differently. Many are directing keenly care to the idea of regaining independence. In France several have volunteered for service with French forces. In the boulevards of Paris one can see several Czechs wearing their national colours or flags. The Czechs along with the Slovaks are most active in the United States, where they number a little over a million. Alone in Chicago they total round three hundred thousands and it is here that Ex-president Benesh at present has his headquarters.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, April 15

Our sugar market for Java Ready sugar ruled weak during the early part of the week and prices declined by about 2 annas per cwt. During the latter part the market ruled steady and prices advanced by about an anna per cwt. Forward market ruled steady during the early part and firm during the latter part of the week and prices advanced by about 1 anna for March, 2 annas for April-May and June and by about 1 to 1 1/2 anna for August and September shipments. Java market was reported to be firm during the week. Shipments from Java during February 1939 were estimated at 97499 tons as compared with 50988 tons in February 1938. Stocks in Java on the 1st March 1939, were estimated at about 3,35,541 tons as against 4,08,045 tons on the same day last year.

Our market for Indian sugar ruled steady for Ready sugar. There was no interest in Indian sugar there is no fresh arrival at present, as the prices ruling in supplying markets are very high owing to shortage of crop. Receipts on Indian sugars during March 1939 estimated at about 14866 bags in Bombay, as compared with 99781 and 1,41,146 and 76,987 bags during the same month in 1936, 1937 and 1938 respectively.

Arrivals of Java Sugar:

S. S. Salavati and S. S. Kybfels arrived during the week, with about 3655 and 10050 bags respectively. S. S. King Edger is expected to arrive in a day or two.

Offtake and Stocks: Offtake during the week is estimated at about 15,000 bags, leaving the stocks of about 75,000 bags.

The following are to-day's quotations:

Fine White Java Sugar: Per cwt.

Ready Rs. 15-9-6.

Shipment March Rs. 6-3-6 F B H Conf Terms.

Shiment April May Rs. 6-3-9 F B H Conf Terms.

Shipment June Rs. 6-2-6 F B H Conf Terms

Shipment July Rs. 6-1-3 F B H Conf Terms.

Shipment August Rs. 6-0-0 F B H Conf Terms

Shipment September Rs. 5-14-6 F B H Conf Terms.

Shipment October Rs. 5-13-9 F B H Conf Terms.

Britannia Sugar: Ready Rs. 16-12-0 per cwt.

British Refined: Ready Rs. 15-9-0 per cwt.

Indian Sugars: Ready Rs. 15-8-0 to Rs. 15-14-0.

Tone: Firm.

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Latest Commercial News

N. Y. COTTON FOUR POINTS UP

Internationals Firmer

GILTS QUIETLY STEADY

BOMBAY, April 18.

NEW YORK COTTON

The cotton exhibited decidedly improved sentiment following better foreign cables and increased support. The steadiness of securities also helped the market. The trend showed marked improvement.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Markets in general were inactive. The movement in Home Industrials was against the holders. Internationals were rather firmer.

Gilt-edgeds were quietly steady.

BULLION

Silver prices in London was slightly better to-day, whereas gold was steady at £7-8-6.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

JULY 1939

New York, April 18	
Previous closing	7.80
To-day's opening	7.77
Difference	—03
To-day's closing	7.84
Difference	+04

LIVERPOOL COTTON

JULY 1939

Liverpool, April 18	
Previous closing	4.45
To-day's opening	4.50
Difference	+05
To-day's closing	4.49
Difference	+04

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May 1939 ..... Rs. 153
July August ..... Rs. 153

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, April 18

The New York cotton exhibited decidedly improved sentiment to-day following steadier Liverpool cables and increased foreign support with the general trend showing marked betterment influenced by steadiness of securities.

The trading in July began at 7.77 i.e. three points lower than the last closing. Prices advanced on higher Liverpool cables and trade and foreign buying influenced by better performance of other commodities while subsequently the market advanced further on renewed buying and covering with the rate rising to 7.84

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay, April 18

To-day's opening price in Broach cotton July/August was Rs. 152-8. New York market improved after weak opening. Broach derived some strength and hence closed at Rs. 153-2.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 18

May (7.98/7.97) 8.06/8.06
July (7.72/7.72) 7.77/7.77
October (7.42/7.42) 7.43/7.43

LIVERPOOL COTTON

London, April 18

American May (4.68) 4.73
American July (4.46) 4.50
Egyptian May (6.61) 6.61
Egyptian July (6.68) 6.69

LONDON COMMODITIES

TEAS

London, April 18

There were no sales in Teas.

JUTE

First Marks C. I. F. Continent New Crop April May (£26 13/16 value) £26 7/8
Dunlop April (£28 3/4) £28 3/4
Lightning April (£27 3/4) £27 3/4

RUBBER

Spot (7 7/8 buyers) 7 15/16 value
Forward July September (8 1/16 paid and value) 8 1/16 paid and value

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay April/May (£10 1/4 sellers) £10 1/4 sellers
Linseed La Plata April (£12 7/16 sellers) £12 /16 sellers
Linseed La Plata April (£11 3/16 sellers) £11 3/16 sellers
Groundnuts Coromandel May (£10 3/8 sellers) £10 3/8 sellers

METALS

New York, April 17

Tin (£216 3/4 buyers £217 sellers. Steady) £218 1/4 buyers £218 3/8 sellers. Firmer

Lead (£14 3/8 buyers £14 7/16 sellers. Firmer) £14 1/8 buyers £14 3/16 sellers. Barely steady.

Electrolytic Copper (£48 to £48 1/2) £47 1/2 to £48 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, April 18

The following are the opening rates:
General Motors (dol 40 5/8) dol 40 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 22 1/4) dol 22 7/8
U S Common New Stock (dol 47 1/8) dol 47 1/4
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted.

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, April 18	
Previous closing	4.68 1/16
To-day's opening	4.68 1/16
At the time of New York cotton closing	4.68 1/16

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, April 18	
Previous closing	4.68.04
To-day's opening	4.68.06
To-day's closing	4.68.04

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, April 18	
Previous closing	176.73
To-day's opening	176.73
To-day's closing	176.71

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 18

London exchanges opened with the sterling dollar at 4.68.06 and then eased to 4.68.03 on lack of adequate support with subsequent fluctuations being small.

Franc opened at 176.73 and thereafter improved to 176.71 on scattered enquiry but movements otherwise were small.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 15/16 sellers) 1-5 15/16 sellers
Paris on Bombay (13.210) 13.210
New York on Bombay (34.99) 34.99
Berlin on Milan (87 3/8) 87 3/8
London on Milan (89.00) 89.00
London on Shanghai (0-8 1/4 nominal) 0-8 1/4 nominal
London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

BULLION

Influx (Nil) Nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Gold (£7-8-6 1/2) £7-8-6
Silver (20d) 20 1/16d

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 9/16 to 1 5/8 per cent) 1 5/8 to 1 5/8 per cent
4 months (1 3/4 to 1 7/8 per cent) 1 3/4 to 1 3/4 per cent
6 months (2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent) 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay, April 18

The following cable regarding silver market was received in Bombay to-night:—

"Little general speculative buying. Small offerings. Market steady."

LONDON SILVER

London, April 18		
Spot	(20d.)	20 1/16d+1/16
Forward	(19 3/4d)	19 7/8d + 1/8

LONDON GOLD

London, April 18

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-8-6 1/2) £7-8-6

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotation

SILVER

Bombay, April 18			
Silver ready	52	14	0
Silver Vaishakh	52	12	0
Silver Jeth	52	10	0
GOLD			
Gold ready	36	15	6
Gold Vaishakh	37	0	0
Gold Jeth	37	6	0
Sovereign	23	12	0

WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotations

Bombay, April 18			
Wheat May	3	3	9
Wheat September	3	5	0
Linseed	5	2	3
Linseed September	5	4	6

Liverpool Wheat

Liverpool, April 18

Liverpool wheat opened steady with May (old) at 53 1/4d. The market was active and higher in response to better overseas cables but subsequently the trading became quiet.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, April 18

Chicago wheat opened quiet with May quoting at 0.69 1/4. The market eased under local interests selling influenced by favourable crop conditions with the rate later declining to 0.69.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT QUOTATIONS

Liverpool, April 18

The Liverpool wheat market closed with May at 53 1/4d.

3½% GOVT. LOAN

Latest Quotations

Bombay, April 18

3 1/2 per cent Government Paper was quoted at Rs. 93/4 at 4 p.m.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, April 18

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at £79

Closing quotations on the previous days were:—

Wednesday, April 5, £81 1/2
Thursday, April 6, £81 1/4
Tuesday, April 11, £80
Wednesday, April 12, £80
Thursday, April 13, £80
Friday, April 14, £79 1/4
Monday, April 17, £78 1/2

INDIAN LOANS

London, April 18
4-30 p.m.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£93 1/4) £93 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£78 1/2) £79
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£103 3/4 Ex div) £103 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£108 3/4) £108 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948-53 (£102 1/4) £102 1/4
5 per cent 1942-47 (£105 1/4) £105 1/4
5 per cent Indian 1942-47 (£97 1/4) £97 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945-55 (£99 3/4) £100

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£65 3/4) £65 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£92 1/4) £92 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£102 1/4) £102 1/4
5 per cent Funding Loan (£103 1/2) £103 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£93 3/4) £93 5/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£103 1/4) £103

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 18

London Stock Exchange was quietly steady but the undertone improved slightly.

Giltedged securities were well supported. Three and half per cent was quoted at £79 i.e. ten shillings higher than the previous closing.

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (15-7 1/2) 16
Motors and Spencer Ordinary (56-3) 57-6
Hydro Electric (dol 3 7/8) dol 3 7/8
Elec Music Industry (10-3) 10-3
Princhin Johnson (23-4 1/2) 23-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical (28-6) 28-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary (58) 58-9
San Paulo / per cent Coffee Rates 1930 (£20) £20
Dunlop Rubber (25-0) 25-0
Unilever Ordinary (31-9) 31-9
Ford Motors (17-10 1/2) 17-4 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£41) £40 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (93-9) 92-6
Carreas 'A' (£5 7/8) £5 7/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (127-6) 126-3
P and O. S. N. Company Deferred (19-10 1/2) 19-6
Distillers (87-6) 88-2
British Dyers (4-1 1/2) 4-1 1/2
British Celanese (3-3) 3-3
J and P Coates Ordinary (33-1 1/2) 33-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (24-3) 24-3
Fine Cotton Spinners (3-1 1/2) 3-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (20-3) 20-6
Inter Nickels (dol 49 1/8) dol 48 5/8
Indian Irons (33-1 1/2) 33-9

TEA SHARES

Assam (16-0) 16-0
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (19-4 1/2) 20

JUTE

Barnagore (£11) £10 3/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (23-3) 23-3
Gula Kelampong (16-3) 16-3
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (24-0) 24-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (28-9) 29-4 1/2
Burma Corporation (8-1 1/2) 8-1 1/2
Rio Tintos (£11 3/8) £11 3/4
East Rand Proprietors (48-1 1/2) 47-6
Rand Mines (£8 3/8) £8 1/2

MINE SHARES

Crown (£15 1/4) £15 3/8
Association Portland Cement (68-1 1/2) 68-1 1/2
Trinidad Leaseholds (81-10 1/2) 82-6
Sub Nigel (£10 1/2) £10 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (26-3) 26-3
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (19-4 1/2) 20
Anglo Iranian (78-9) 78-9
Burma Oil (78-1 1/2) 77-6
Mexican Eagle (6-3) 6-6
Shell Transport (81-3) 80-0
Royal Dutch (£32 1/2) £32

RAILWAY SHARES.

Great Western Ordinary (£24 3/4) £24 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£12 3/8) £12 3/4
London North Eastern Def (£2) £2
London Southern Def (£12 7/8) £12 7/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£116) £115 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£66 1/2) £67 1/2

EASIER TREND ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Home Industrials Receive Good Support

(SPECIAL CABLE)

LONDON, April 18

On the Stock Exchange, markets bravely attempted to assume a cheerful expression at the opening and rices were generally higher but the absence of support in the face of small offerings of giltedged securities during the afternoon caused the development of an easier final trend. Home industrials, however, were well maintained, particularly retail store shares and food producers, owing to the publication of a comprehensive plan for the regulation of food distribution in times of a national emergency.

Wall Street opened quietly steady.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Heavy Selling Pressure In Indian Irons

CALCUTTA, April 18

Jutes opened quiet but became steadier again towards the close. The volume of business however remained as usual on a moderate scale. Coals revealed no fresh feature. In teas only a few isolated deals took place.

Miscellaneous: Indian Iron and Steel experienced further downfall to-day due to heavy selling pressure while other speculative issues kept more or less unaltered.

Government securities continued weaker.

The closing rates of securities are:

Two and three quarter per cent loan 1948/52 97/2 small odd lot; three and half per cent G P 92/8; five per cent loan 1939/44 100/4 small odd lot.

Banks: Reserve 110.

Railways: Darjeeling Himalayan pref 105/8; Sara Serajganj 101/8 small lots; Shahdara Delhi Saharanpur 139 small lots; Cotton Muir Mills pref 65/8; New Victoria Pref 2/12.

Coals: Bengal 286/8; Burrakur 11/8 ex div; Equitable 30 small lot; New Beerbhoom 14/12; South Karanpura 3/12.

Jutes: Alliance 220; Anglo India 323; Auckland 169; Barnagore 149/8; Belvedere 343; Birla 14/15; Cheviot 162; Clive 25; Craig as. 6; Gourepore 525; Hooghly 47; Howrah 52/7; India 292; Kamarhatty 478/8; Kelvin 415; National 21/6; Presidency 3/5.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 5/8; Consolidated Tin 5/10; Indian Copper 1/15; Rhodesia Copper IVXA; Dalmia Cement ord 9/14; Ditto defd 2/15 odd lot; Hukumchand Steel defd 1/9; Indian Galvanizing 18/4; small lot; Indian Iron and Steel 22/10; Steel Corpn ord 10/11; ditto pref 94; Bararee Coke 17/4; B I Corpn ord 2/6; ditto pref 139/8; Dunlop Rubber ord 15/4; ditto second pref 100; Rohtas Industries ord 23/12 ct; Bharat Oil 2/4; disc; Orient Paper 6/1; Star Paper 5/4; Titaghur Paper prefd ordy 3/13; Balrampore Sugar 8/6; small lot; Buland 11/4; Carew and Co ord 9/14 small lots;

Teas: East India 6/6; Namburnadi 4/14; New Terai 10/12; Tezpore 5/15; Tukvar 9/12.

Debentures: Five and half per cent 1936-46-56; Ramnugger Cane and Sugar First Mortgage 104; Five per cent 1920-24-45; Sijua Jherriah Power 101/8.—A. P.

MAZAGAON-SEWRI LAND LEASED

For Industries And Oil Installations

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on 18th April, the election by the Chamber of Commerce of Mr. F. F. Stileman to act as a Trustee during the absence on leave of Mr. R. C. Lowndes, was recorded.

A two year lease of the ground floor of "Imperial Chambers", Ballard Estate, was granted to Messrs. Volkart Bros.

The Trustees resumed consideration of a proposal to proceed with the development of an area of nearly 100 acres of land on the Mazagon-Sewri Reclamation, bounded by Haji Bunder, Brick Bunder and the Grain Depot, which has been earmarked for further industrial leases and oil installations, and after inspecting the areas approved the grant of the following leases:—

About 50,000 square yards to the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company for 50 years for a Bulk Fuel Oil Installation.

About 6,000 square yards, with option on a further 6,000 square yards, to Caltex (India) Ltd. for 50 years for a similar Bulk Oil Installation.

About 11,800 square yards, with option on a further 2,800 square yards, for 44 years to the Hindustan Vanaspati Manufacturing Company Ltd., supplemental to and adjoining the Company's vegetable oil leasehold of 75,000 square yards at Haji Bunder.

About 50,600 square yards for 50 years to the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company of India Ltd. for the manufacture of tyres and other rubber products.

Incidental to the development of this area and the grant of these leases, an estimated expenditure of Rs. 3.32 lakhs was sanctioned, subject to the necessary sanction of Government, for filling and surfacing the land, railway sidings, roads, storm water drains and water mains.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 18.

GOVT. SECURITIES.		
3 1/2 p.c. Paper		92/12
4 per cent 1960-70		109
5 per cent 1945-55		113
BANKS.		
Bank of Baroda		110
Bank of Hindustan		26
Bank of India		136/8
Central Bank		31/14
Imperial Bank F.P.		1505
Imperial Bank P.P.		365
Indian Overseas Bank		47
Reserve Bank		109/4
Union Bank		5/14
TEXTILES		
Ahmd. New Textiles		392/8
Ambica		250/10
Arun		223/12
Arvind		1140
Asok		204/6
Bharatkhand		2200
Bombay Dyeing		747/8
Buckingham and Carnatics		174
Calico		576/14
Central India		198/12
Century		198/12
Colaba		101/4
Delhi Cloth and Gen. Mills		475
Elgin		112/8
Gokak		121/14
Hukumchand		168/2
Indore		46/4
Jubilee		206/14
Khatau Makanji		92/8
Kohinoor		201/4
Laxmi Cotton		460
Madhusudan		200
Marsden		93/12
Morarji		115
Mysore		82/8
Nandlal Bhandari		77/4
New Great		175/10
Raipur		617/8
Rajnagar		183/12
Sajjan		97/8
Sassoon and Alliance		68
Sholapur		3125
Simplex		65
Swadeshi		197/8
Vishnu		1050
HYDRO ELECTRICS		
Andhra Valley Ord.		1345
Tata Hydro Ord.		144/6
Tata Power Ord.		1210
ELECTRICS.		
Ahmedabad Electrics		137/8
Ajmer Electrics		11
Amalgamated		12/6
Bombay Suburban		141/4
Bombay Tram.		126/4
Lahore Electrics		445
Surat Electrics		146/14
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Alcock Ashdown		317/8
Associated Cements		118/4
Belapur		172/8
Bombay Burma New		146/14
Bombay Burma Old		420
Bombay Steam		210
Bombay Telephone		80
Br. B. Petrol		3/1/6
Burma Corporation		5/7
Dalmia Cement		9/6
Indian Bleaching		96/14
Industrial Investment Tr.		40/8
Indian Radio Ord.		345
Indian Radio Defd.		390
Indian Copper		2
Indian Iron		22/12
Mysore Sugar		30/8
Port Canning		68/8
Premier Construction		59
Rohtas Industries		23/8
Scindia Steam		16/12
Shivrajpur		X.D.32/2
Tata Oil		36/8
Tata Steel Ordy		253
Tata Steel Defd.		1162/8
Birla Jute		15
Howrah		52/12
Hukumchand		6
Kamarhatty		472
Kankanarrah		360
Lawrence		332
Reliance		58/8

LONDON SHARE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 18

Messrs. Lewis and Jones, Bombay, have received the following quotations by cable from their London Agents:

Names	Latest prices. £	s.	d.
London Nigerian Tin Mines Ltd	0	5	3
Guest, Keen and Nettlefold	1	4	3
Turner and Newall	3	15	3
Associated Electric Industries	1	17	3
Attock Oil	2	12	6
Barsi Light Railways	52	10	0
Automatic Telephone and Electric Ordinary	2	2	6
Castlefield (Klang) Rubber	0	2	0
Beira Railways	1	2	6
United Br. Oilfields of Trinidad	0	11	6
Marconi International Marine	1	7	3
Western Union Telegraph	dol	19.25	
General Electric Ordinary	3	15	6
Fairey Aviation Co Ltd	1	1	9
Perak Hydro Electric Ordinary	0	15	3
International Railways of C America	dol	4.50	
Malayalam Plantations	1	6	0
British Burma Petroleum	0	4	6
Soudan Plantation Syndicate	1	4	6
British South Africa (Chartered)	1	2	0
Pahang Consolidated Ord	0	10	9
Indian Copper Corporation Ord	0	2	9
Brazilian Traction Light and Power	dol	10.75	
Marlu Gold Mining Areas Ltd	0	10	0
New Goldfields of Venezuela Ltd.	0	3	6
Trust of Bank and Insurance Shares	0	17	9
Trust of Bank Share Units	0	16	9
Trust of Insurance Share Units	0	19	9
British Treasury Bills (3 months)	1	11	2.37 p.c. p.a.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 18th April 1939. Total amount offered was Rs. 1,10,00,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-6-9 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-6-6 allotted approximately 94 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. One Crore, the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 2-5-11 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 25th April 1939. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 28th April 1939. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 14th April, 1939, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,19,25,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' intermediates will be sold from 19th April to 24th April 1939 at Rs. 99-6-9 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz. sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' intermediates sold from 12th to 17th April 1939 amounted to Rs. 64,00,000.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

Bombay, April 18

Scindia Steam Nvg ss Jalaveera of 3089 reg tons, Captain J V Griffiths arrived from Rangoon via Colombo and Malabar Coast Ports with rice and general cargo.

SAILED

L Edwards ss Kandelfels of 4783 reg tons, Captain P Kohler sailed for Port Said, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Bremen with passengers local and same bottom cargo.

B I S N ss Warfield of 3794 reg tons Captain H Taylor sailed for Karachi via Kathiawar Coast Ports, Cutch Mandvi and Cutch Kundla with local and same bottom cargo.

L Triestino ss Carignano of 3497 reg tons, Captain A Candelari sailed for Genoa, Marseilles via Bedi Bunder and Karachi with local and same bottom cargo.

LOADING

The following vessels booked for loading on 18-4-39.

S S Conte Verde (L T) for Europe and American Ports.

S S Pres Monroe (F F C) for Suez Port Said Naples Genoa Marseilles and American Ports.

S S Graciosa (FF C) for Colombo, Penang, Singapore and Bangkok.

S S Barala (M M) for Kathiawar, Karachi and Persian Gulf Ports.

S S Nagato Maru (N Y K) for China Japan Ports via Karachi.

S S Baron Belhaven (M M) for China, Japan Ports via Colombo and Penang.

STEAMERS IN DOCKS

ALEXANDRA DOCK

Bombay, April 18

1 Mansei Maru 4823 Shanghai 19-4 O S K Kaisya
2 Kandelfels 4783 Hamburg 18-4 L Edwards
3 King Edgar 2694 Bhavnagar 20-4 T Morrison
5 Carignano 3497 Bedi Bunder 18-4 L Triestino
11 City of Venice 5492 Karachi 22-4 K Nixon
12 Rinda 3821 Madras 19-4 L Edwards

VICTORIA DOCK

4 Vasna 2026 Busra 21-4 M M
10/11 Jaladuta 3089 Bassein 19-4 Scindia S N
3 Chakdina 1580 Busra 19-4 M M
16 Shrivati 250 NF NF Malabar

PRINCE'S DOCK

B Jehangir 2157 Red Sea Ports 22-4 T Morrison
D/E Sirsa 3387 N F N F M M
G Janaki 530 N F N F Malabar Steamship
H Revati 250 Malabar Coast N F Malabar Steamship.
N/O Jalaveera 3089 Akyab N F Scindia S N
R Hudiksvall 425, Malabar Coast 18-4 Malabar Steamship.

Steamers Expected

FROM LONDON

Ranchi 27-4-39 P and O S N
Strathmore 4-5-39 P and O S N
Cathay 20-4-39 P and O S N
Stratheden 24-4-39 P and O S N
Bhutan 22-4-39 P and O S N

FROM LIVERPOOL

City of Melbourne 23-4-39 K Nixon
Halizone 23-4-39 J Finlay

FROM HULL

City of Kobe 23-4-39 J Finlay

HAMBURG

Lindenfels 30-4-39 L Edwards
Almkerk 20-4-39 L Edward

FROM NEW YORK

Pres Monroe 20-4-39 F F Campbell
Pres. Adams 4-5-39 F F Campbell

FROM OSLO

Sumatra 6-5-39 L Edwards

FROM TRIESTE

Conte Rosso 24-4-39 L Triestino

FROM GENOA

Victoria 8-5-39 L Triestino

FROM CHINA AND JAPAN

Glasgow Maru 9-5-39 O S Kaisha
Anyo Maru 29-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Conte Biancamano 11-5-39 L Triestino
Haruna Mru 23-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Eihuku Maru 23-4-39 O S Kaisha
Conte Verde 20-4-39 L Triestino

FROM BASRA

Barpeta 20-4-39 M M
Varsova 22-4-39 M M

FROM RANGOON

Jalaganga 22-4-39 Scindia S N
Jalabala 22-4-39 Scindia S N

FROM SYDNEY

Mooltan 22-4-39 P and O S N

FROM DURBAN

Kenya 29-4-39 M M
Takliwa 13-5-39 M M

FROM BAHREIN

Salsten 20-4-39 Caltex (India)

FOR JEDDAH

Akbar 22-4-39 T Morrison

FROM CALCUTTA

Gharinda 21-4-39 M M
Orna 25-4-39 M M

FROM KARACHI

Vita 20-4-39 M M
Circassia 21-4-39 Anchor Line

Sailing Dates

FOR LONDON

Strathnaver 6-5-39 P and O S N
Viceroy of India 13-5-39 P and O S N
Narkunda 20-5-39 P and O S N
Mooltan 22-4-39 P and O S N
Stratheden 29-4-39 P and O S N

FOR LIVERPOOL

City of Venice 8-5-39 K Nixon
Circassia 21-4-39 Anchor Line

FOR GERMANY

Uhenfels 25-4-39 L Edwards

FOR NEW YORK

Pres Monrac 22-4-39 F F Campbell

FOR TRIESTE

Conte Verde 20-4-39 L Triestino

FOR ABADAN

Bri Soldier 25-4-39 Anglo Iranian Oil

FOR GENOA

Conte Biancamano 11-5-39 L Triestino

FOR CHINA AND JAPAN

Victoria 8-5-39 L Triestino
Haruna Maru 24-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Nagato Maru 4-5-39 N Y Kaisha
Eihuku Maru 8-5-39 O S K Kaisya
Bhutan 25-4-39 P and O S N
Ranchi 27-4-39 P and O S N
Jeypore 28-4-39 P and O S N
Mansei Maru 19-4-39 O S Kaisha
Conte Rosso 24-4-39 L Triestino

FOR SYDNEY

Cathay 20-4-39 P and O S N

FOR BASRA

Chakdina 19-4-39 M M
Vasna 20-4-39 M M

FOR DURBAN

Tairea 26-4-39 M M
Kenya 10-5-39 M M

FOR JEDDAH

Jehangir 23-4-39 T Morrison

FOR KARACHI

Vita 22-4-39 M M
Nagato Maru 21-4-39 N Y Kaisya
City of Venice 22-4-39 K Nixon
Warfield 18-4-39 M M

B. P. T. GENERAL LANDING DATES

S S Strathaird 15-4-39
S S Himalaya 15-4-39
S S Mansei Maru 15-4-39
S S Warfield 17-4-39
S S Jehangir 17-4-39
S S Hoegh Silverstar (boats American cotton) 17-4-39
S S Vasna 17-4-39
S S Chakdina 17-4-39
S S Sonavati 17-4-39
S S Parvati 17-4-39

EXPORTS

S S Mansai Maru for Shanghai; 100 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 200 bs raw cotton Japan Ctn Trading; 100 bs raw cotton N Futehally.

For Kobe: 100 bales raw cotton B Harakchand; 100 bales raw cotton K Vishram; 100 bales raw cotton Kotak; 100 bales raw cotton N Manilal.

For Osaka: 100 bales raw cotton G Dossa.

S S Pres Monroe for New York; 95 bags sesame seeds Cox and Kings (Agents); 231 bags tale powder D Abraham; 108 bags sesame seeds D Abraham; 88 bags dill seed D Abraham; 19 bales cotton prints D Abraham; 20 cases elephant gongs D Abraham; 100 bales raw wool D Abraham; 1552 bags gum N Muljee; 110 bags pistachionuts E Y G Alireza; 40 rolls w/n carpets The Bombay Co; 534 bags feinagrio seed S M Rajgor.

For Marseilles: 40 bales cotton raw Supt T Products (India); 70 bags almonds M J Mowla Sons; 1920 bags gr nut seed The Cotton Agents; 593 bags linseed The Oil Seeds Trading.

For Telavin: 17 bales ctn grey yarn A H Diab.

For Izmir: 185 bales ctn grey yarn S J David and Co.

For Istambul: 82 bales grey ctn yarn S J David.

For Genoa: 34 bales cotton fly V A Save.

For Boston: 250 bales wool raw K Esmail.

S S City of Venice for Antwerp: 145 bales hemp G N Musry; 330 bales cotton raw Volkart Bros.

For Gdynia: 65 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha.

For Dunkirk: 110 bales cotton fly Supt T Products (India); 115 bales cotton waste P D Vora; 1175 bales cotton raw Volkart Bros; 330 bales cotton raw G K Kaisha; 60 bags mustard seeds B Balwant; 110 bales raw cotton G Dossa

For Ghent: 125 bales raw cotton Swastika G Trading.

For Marseilles: 70 bags shozali seed B Balwant.

S S Nagota Maru for Kobe: 850 tons old steel scrap A Popatlal.

S S Almkerk for Melbourne: 24 bales ctn twist waste K Jivram; 56 bales cotton waste M Chandulal; 124 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas; 498 bags myrabollams H Odhavji.

For Sydney: 276 bales ctn twist waste K Jivram; 55 bales ctn twist waste L O Vora; 62 bags myrabollams H Oodhavji; 273 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas; 134 bags myrabollam crushed H Bhagwandas.

For Adelaide: 35 bales ctn twist waste L O Vora.

For Brisbane: 31 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas; 67 bags myrabollam crushed H Bhagwandas.

S S Conte Verde for Trieste: 480 bags crushed myrabollams P Mathradas; 165 bales raw cotton Japan Ctn Trading; 22 cases mica splittings The Bombay Co.

IMPORTS

S S Nirpura Agents M Mackenzie and Co from Rangoon: 16718 bags rice; 396 pcs teak squares; 3333 pcs teak scantlings, 200 bags gram bran; 148 bags betelnuts.

From Calicut: 4988 pcs fire bricks; 100 cases coffee.

From Moulmein: 8250 bags rice; 765 pcs teak posts; 1635 pcs teak planks; 24931 pcs teak scantlings; 3666 bundles teak scantlings; 772 bundles teak short battens; 349 cases cane jaggery.

Fom Ponani: 57 jottas coir yarn.

From Tellicherry: 124 bundles canes.

From Badgora: 1226 bags copra.

S S Gogra Agents M Mackenzie and Co from Rangoon: 161 bags gram bhusi; 31760 bags rice; 84 bags betelnuts; 125 bars silver bullion; 276 pcs teak squares 4080 bundles teak scantlings; 35080 pcs teak scantlings.

From Cochin: 796 bundles coir rope; 1015 bundles coir yarn; 192 bags cocoanut; 99 h/chests tea; 100 cases cashew kernal.

From Calicut: 123 jottas coir yarn; 104 jottas coir rope; 57 bags turmeric; 44 cases coffee.

S S Bamora Agents M Mackenzie and Co from Bushire: 210 bags roots; 227 jottas assafotida; 92 bags raisins;

From Koweit: 42 bags sheep skin.

From Bahrein: 68 nongs empty cylinders.

From Jask: 714 bags fish manure.

From K'Shahr: 699 bags poppyseed.

From Muscat: 214 bags dry dates.

S S Jalamani Agents Scindia Steam Navigation Co Ltd from Rangoon: 31193 bags rice; 331 bundles teak reapers; 100 bags fresh ginger.

From Cochin: 75 kollis hooka shells; 1271 bags cocoanuts.

From Calicut: 1065 bags cocoanut; 624 bags copra; 86 bags dry ginger; 1892 jottas mangoes.

S S Jalapadma Agents Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. from Bassein: 21024 bags rice.

From Calicut: 419 bags pepper; 699 bags cocoanuts; 2007 bags copra; 55 jottas coir yarn;

From Badagora: 626 bags copra; 381 bags cocoanuts.

Short Covering On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

OPERATORS AWAIT HITLER'S REPLY

Little Progress In Cotton Legislature

Bombay, April 18.

Quietness of the New York cotton market was due to a desire to await Herr Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt while little progress in cotton legislation is expected this week. The Chicago grain market developed a rather firm tone under the strength of overseas advices combined with increasing political difficulties proving an effectual offset to favourable weekend crop conditions in the South-West.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York market opened steady and advanced on higher Liverpool and small trade price fixing. May was firm on spot house covering but other deliveries were irregularly lower on light foreign selling and some Brazil hedging. Prices rallied on short covering and contracts being scarce.

At the opening July was quoted 3 points up at 9.72 and prices declined 3 points from the opening level and July was quoted 7.69 which was the lowest level. Later on prices hardened under improved buying and July was quoted 7.80 which was the highest level reached at the close. The market closed at a net rise of 14 points for near months and distants advanced 2 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices rose 15 points at 8.84c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly firm and closed at a rise of 13 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 12 points at 8.55c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a rise of 4 points with July 4.44. The market was apathetic, pending political developments. There was short covering in nears on tightness of spots. There is little possibility of loan releases in the near future. There was May liquidation and local selling met American straddle buying and trade calling. The market closed at a rise of 4 points. Middling American spot cotton prices improved 3 points at 5.02d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton futures market was steady and Giza futures closed at a rise of 3 to 2 points. Uppers futures advanced 4 to 1 points. The Alexandria cotton market was steady and Sakels futures gained 7 to 12 points while Ashmouni futures closed 11 points up to 10 points down.

Messrs. E. J. Schwabacher and Co., state:—

Opposition has now developed in the Congress not only to increasing parity payments to farmers, but seemingly it will be difficult for the farm bloc to retain the original appropriation. It would seem likely, therefore that the various benefit payments to farmers might undergo a downward revision. President Roosevelt requested for a 30 per cent. reduction in benefit payments to farmers.

ACREAGE REDUCTION

It is not yet quite clear whether the motives behind the economy drive are wholly political or whether some positive results may be obtained. Secretary Wallace recently pointed out that the purchasing power of agriculture has been restored practically to the 1929 level, if the lower level of prices of commodities purchased by farmers, lower interest and taxes are taken into account. On the other hand industrial production is still lagging behind. In order to attain an increase in industrial production a further drain on urban resources should be avoided. If this is the trend of thought pervading Washington it would be indeed good news. The question would remain, however, how to dispose of the mandatory provisions of the loan on new crop cotton. That a loan would continue would seem fairly certain, but to find a more effective and yet not too expensive method of rendering it innocuous presents the real problem.

PLANTING PROGRESS

Meanwhile, farmers are planting as though nothing consequential were happening. Allowing a small margin for under-planting to avoid incurring Government penalities the area under cultivation should be about 27 million acres. In many sections the rainfall has been above the average. Fertilizer sales in the principal cotton growing states have been slightly under last year. In spite of the important issues which should shortly be decided in Washington, attention will gradually be focused upon the "long interest" growing from the soil.

First notice day on May futures is on April 25th. The certificated stock is 31,000 bales. The open contracts on May amount to 446,000 bales. The number of contracts still unfixed on May is not published, but it can be assumed to be considerable. Many mills are long of cloth and yarn and are short of either futures or "unfixed purchases" based on May and July. Unless the demand for cloth and yarn should improve very materially, transfers would be effected from the near to the distant months, causing bidding for May and July and offering of October and December.

EUROPEAN SITUATION

In addition to the many cotton problems there looms in the background the menacing European situation which cannot be ignored when evaluating the cotton situation. Whilst no one would venture to make predictions with any degree of certainty, it would appear that in spite of everything that has transpired the chances still seem to favour peace, at least for the balance of this year, although periodical shocks and upheavals should not be entirely excluded.

PRIVATE CABLES

N. Y. July Highest (3 p.m.)	7.80+11
N. Y. July Lowest (11-8 a.m.)	7.69
Liverpool July Highest	4.48+07
Liverpool July Lowest	4.43+02

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

Liverpool.—Improved demand on the spot gives tone to the market. Distant positions are most affected. Speculators have little or no interest in the market.

Liverpool.—Small nervous market but steady undertone.

New York.—Near months are firm on spot house and trade buying with Bombay and foreign liquidation on switching to distant months.

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following cable from their New York friends:—

(1) "Principal owners of certificated cotton free buyers May. Trade and jobbers buying absorbing hedge selling. Rather better feeling is caused by European situation."

(2) "Short covering may cotton in New York on feeling Congress unlikely act until after 25th April."

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 17.

May	8.09+14
July	7.80+11
October	7.46+05
December	7.40+04
January	7.40+04
March	7.45+03
Middling spot	8.84+15

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, April 17.

May	8.20+13
July	7.91+08
October	7.58+04
Middling spot	8.55+12

NEW YORK

New York, April 17.

11 a.m. Ranges.

May	7.97/7.96
July	7.70/7.70
Ocober	7.40/7.40

Noon Call.

May	8.00
July	7.70
October	7.58

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, April 17.

Bales.

Day's receipts at all U. S. Ports	3,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	1,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, April 17.

April	4.67+04
May	4.67+04
June	4.54+04
July	4.45+04
August	4.41+04
September	4.35+04
October	4.33+04
November	4.32+04
December	4.33+04
January	4.35+04
February	4.36+04
March	4.38+04
April	4.39+04
Middling spot	5.02+03

10-12 a.m. quotations.

May	4.67
July	4.44

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 17.

T. T London on:—

New York	4.68.04
Paris	176.73
Berlin	11.69
Madrid	42.25
Montreal	4.70 11/16
Amsterdam	8 81 9/16
Brussels	27.83 1/4
Milan	89.00
Berne	20.87 1/4

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 17.

Broach A/M op 152 1/2; highest 153 1/4; lowest 152 1/2; closing 152 5/8

Broach J/A op 152 1/4; highest 153 1/8; lowest 152 1/4; closing 152 1/2

New Broach A/M 1940 op 152; highest 152 1/4; lowest 151 1/4; closing 151 5/8

Oomra May op 141 1/2; highest 141 1/2, lowest 140 3/4; closing 141.

Oomra July op 141 1/2; highest 141 1/2; lowest 140 3/4; closing 141

Oomra D/J op 136 1/2; highest 136 3/4; lowest 136 1/4; closing 136 3/4

Bengal May op 114; highest 114; lowest 113 3/4; closing 113 3/4.

Bengal July op 114 1/2; highest 114 1/2; lowest 114; closing 114

Bengal D/J op 114 1/2; highest 114 1/2; lowest 114 1/2; closing 114 1/2

Night session: Broach J/A opened Rs. 152 1/2; highest Rs. 152 5/8; lowest Rs. 152; closing Rs. 152.

Broach A/M 1940 closed at Rs. 151 1/8.

NEW YORK COFFEE

New York, April 17.

Fair rio coffee No. 7 quality 5 1/8

Egyptian Cotton

Liverpool, April 17.

GIZA 2.	
Spot	6.76+6.
May	6.57+2.
July	6.64+3.
October	6.71+2.
November	6.71+2.
January	6.74+3.
March	6.74+3.
UPPERS.	
Spot	5.73+7.
May	5.57+4.
July	5.55+3.
October	5.55+1.
November	5.53+1.
January	5.54+1.
March	5.56+1.

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

Br. A/May N. Y. May Rs. 40 1/2; Liverpool May Rs. 52 1/2.

Br. J/Aug. N. Y. July Rs. 35; Liverpool July Rs. 42 1/4.

New York/Liverpool: May 112; July 98; Oct. 106; Dec. 112; Jan. 116.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 18.

The local market was quiet to-day with slightly increased selling on advancing prices. There was no disposition to follow the advance in New York prices which was purely due to local causes and covering by shorts in New York where scarcity of contracts was more pronounced.

In sympathy with a rise of 11 points in New York prices, Broach J/A. delivery opened to-day at Rs. 153 and declined to Rs. 152/8 on scattered selling. New Broach A/M. 1940 delivery was quoted at Rs. 151/8. The tone of the market was quiet.

Liverpool market was due to open 4 points up and after opening 5 points higher was 3 points up. In the local market there was increased selling in the current A/M Vaida which was quoted two annas below J/A delivery. The market was quiet and closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F. G. M. G.—	
Broach A/M 1939	Rs. 152 10 0
Broach J/A 1939	152 8 0
Broach A/M 1940	151 8 0
Fine M G.—	
Oomra May 1939	140 14 0
Oomra July 1939	140 14 0
Oomra January 1940	136 8 0
F. G. M G.—	
Bengal May 1939	113 12 0
Bengal July 1939	114 0 0
Bengal January 1940	114 8 0

WEATHER OVER U. S. A. COTTON BELT

Liverpool, April 18

Weather too cool. Light to moderate rainfall in Eastern Belt. Forecast: Eastern Belt cloudy, all balance entire Belt generally fair.

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, April 18.

	Extra	Spr-fine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M. G.—						
Bengal U.P.	..	122	119	116	113	
Punjab	...	122	119	116	113	
Rajputana	...	124	121	118	115	
Oomra No. 3	150	147	144	141	...	
C. P. No. 1	165	162	159	156	...	
C. P. No. 2	156	153	150	147	...	
Broach No. 2	...	160	158	156	154	
Punjab-Ame.	...	183	181	178	176	
Surat	...	202	200	193	193	
Rajpipla	...	199	197	195	193	
Navsari	...	211	209	207	205	

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, April 18.

Bengal Superfine	121/22
Bengal Fine	117/19
Bengal F.G.	115/16
C. P. 1	156/59
C. P. 2	148/49
Arvi	147/48
Amraoti	139/43
Ellichpur	147/48
Berar	142/43
Malkapur	137/39
Khandesh	121/31
Jalna/Sailu	135/37
Burwah/Sanavad	139/41
Khandwa	139/41
Mathia F.G.	111/16
Broach	157/53
Punjab 4 F	176/81
Punjab 289F.	208/16
Sindh N. T.	188/93
Ankleshwar/Jaghadia	193/95
Surat	197/201
Navsari	205/08
Western Farm	168/73

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, April 18

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales

	2 days	This year	Last year
Khandesh		37,853	47,539
Central India	166	247,189	38,695
Barsi and Nagar	141	71,628	134,142
Hyderabad Gaorani		4,209	38,413
Berar	135	158,990	286,852
Central Provinces	61	84,519	62,628
Total Oomras	503	514,398	608,320
Dholera	4,788	167,722	63,957
N W Provinces		2,401	2,754
Rajputana	123	55,747	13,919
Sind Punjab	549	299,407	472,717
Broach	2,628	340,765	148,339
Coompta and Dharwar	722	33,770	17,474
Westerns Northerns	560	29,042	12,202
Cocoanada		84	12
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		2,561	1,628
American	11	2,957	155,978
Egyptian, African and Sudan		1,232	222,567
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		41	1,171
Total	10,516	1,671,462	1,811,758
Arrived by road to 13th April 1939		287,055	

Exports From Bombay

1st Sept to 13th April

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe	3,180	217,554	198,724
Japan and China	1,800	694,495	433,387
Coast Ports	641	25,700	44,037
Up-country by Rail		185,638	256,632
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan		24,882	
Total	5,621	1,148,269	932,780

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1938-39	1937-38
Receipts to date 17-4-39	3694000	7443000
Receipts yesterday 17-4-39	3000	7000
Exports to date 17-4-39	3050000	5139000
Stock at Ports 14-4-39	2219000	2861000
Stock at Interior Towns 14-4-39	2867000	2335000
Stock at Liverpool 14-4-39	919000	1213000
Visible Supply 14-4-39	6020000	6940000
Quantity in sight 14-4-39	8520000	12869000
Quantity out of sight 14-4-39	8135000	8810000

LONDON PRODUCE

London, April 17.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe April sellers	20/3
Wheat Barletta Russo April/May sellers	22/3
Wheat South Australian	unquoted

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, April 18.

Yesterday London gold prices advanced 1/2d. to £7-8-6 1/2. London Paris Exchange rate after a narrow movement closed at a decline of 3 points at 176.73. Dollar sterling cross rate was quiet and London closing was 4.68.04 while New York close was reported 4.68 1/16. London silver prices both for spot and forward remained unchanged at 20d. and 19 3/4d. respectively. India bought and there was fair business and the market was steady. Later on the market was quietly steady with little American trade buying at fixed rate but sellers were reserved. New York spot silver was unchanged at 42 3/4 cents while Shanghai T. T. on London was quoted at 0/8. In the local market general business again remained dull with a restricted turnover in silver. Gold section was quiet with scarcity of buyers which resulted in a small decline in values. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	36 15 3
Vaishakh delivery	36 15 9
Vaishakh Tejimandi	6 1 9
Jeth delivery	37 0 0
Jeth Tejimandi	0 3 3

SILVER

Ready	52 13 6
Vaishakh delivery	52 11 6
Vaishakh Tejimandi	0 6 6
Jeth delivery	52 11 0
Jeth Tejimandi	0 12 6

LONDON SILVER

London, April 17.

Spot	20
Forward	19 3/4

LONDON GOLD

London, April 17.

Gold bars fine per oz	£7-8-6 1/2

LONDON METALS

London, April 17.

Copper	£42 3 9
Lead	£14 11 3
Spelter	£13 11 3
Tin	£214 5 0

Bombay Metals

Bombay, April 18

London market—	
Standard copper cash (buyers)	£42-0-0
Standard copper 3 months	£42-5-0
Electrolytic copper	£48-10-0
Bombay market—	
Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 40-0-0
Copper sheets	Rs. 50-8-0

Tone: Firm.

Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, April 17.

May	£10-7-6.
June	£10-8-9.

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, April 18.

Castorseeds May—	
Opening	26 8 0
Highest	26 9 0
Lowest	26 5 6
Closing	26 5 6
Groundnuts May—	
Opening	27 3 6
Highest	27 7 0
Lowest	27 3 3
Closing	27 5 3
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	25 8 6
Highest	25 12 0
Lowest	25 6 0
Closing	25 10 0
Castorseeds Sept.—	
Opening	27 11 0
Highest	27 11 6
Lowest	27 9 0
Closing	27 9 0
Groundnuts Sept.—	
Opening	28 4 6
Highest	28 8 0
Lowest	23 4 6
Closing	28 6 6
Groundnuts Aug—	
Opening	25 11 6
Highest	26 3 0
Lowest	25 10 3
Closing	26 0 3

Wheat Liverpool

Liverpool, April 17.

May	53 1/8d.
May New	50 3/4d.
July	52 5/8d.
October	54 1/2d.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, April 17.

May	dol 0.69 1/8.
July	dol 0.68.
September	dol 0.68 1/2.

LONDON SUGAR

London, April 17.

May	6s. 10 1/4d.

New York Sugar

New York, April 17.

July	0.02.
September	2.03.
November	2.09.
January	2.00.

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, April 18.

Ready Javas	15-9-0
Shipment April	6-4-0.
Shipment May-June	6-2-0.
Shipment July-August	6-1-0.
Shipment September	5-14-9.
Java Spot	F 6.45

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, April 17.

SAKELS—	
May	11.40+ 5.
July	11.63+ 7.
November	11.84+12.
ASHMOUNI—	
April	9.19+11.
June	9.21+ 1.
August	9.25—10.
October	9.28— 9.
December	9.29— 9.
GIZA—	
May	11.11— 3.
July	11.28— 8.
November	11.36— 4.
January	11.41— 4.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, April 18.

3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	92/12
2 3/4 per cent	1948/62 97/4
3 per cent	1951/54 Loan 96/6
3 per cent	1941 Bonds 101/6
3 per cent	1963/65 96/6
3 1/2 per cent	1947/55 102/14
4 per cent	1940/43 Bonds 106/10
4 per cent	1960/70 Loan 109/0
4 1/2 per cent	1955/60 Loan 114/8
5 per cent	U P Bonds 98
5 per cent	1939/44 Loan 100/6
5 per cent	1940/43 Loan 104

TAX FREES

5 per cent	1945/55 112/12
4 per cent	1953/63 Mysore 111/8
5 per cent	1955 Mysore 124

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent	1972 B P T 108/8
4 per cent	1974 M Deb 108
5 per cent	1959 M Deb 117
6 per cent	M Deb 1954 128
6 per cent	K P T 1956 128

Note: Next settlement quotes about 4 1/2 annas lower.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 18.

B C RATES—

T T D D 1/5 7/8 April May

LONDON—

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 29/32

Bank's buying T T 1/5 31/32

Bank's buying D D 1/5 31/32

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/16 to Feb

NEW YORK—

Bank's selling T T 286 7/8

Bank's buying T T 284 1/2

Bank's buying D D 283 3/4

PARIS—

Bank's selling T T 1,309

Bank's buying T T 1,326

JAPAN—

Bank's selling T T 78 1/2

Bank's buying T T 77 3/4

Bank's buying 60 days 77

AMSTERDAM—

Bank's selling D D 65 1/4

JAVA—

Bank's selling D D 65 1/8

HONGKONG—

Bank's selling D D 83 1/8

SHANGHAI—

Bank's selling D D 47

SINGAPORE—

Bank's selling D D 156 1/4

BERLIN—

Bank's selling D D 86 1/4

CROSS RATES—

Hongkong/London 1/2 11/16 18th instant

Shanghai/London 0/8 1/4 18th instant

Japan/London 1/2 1/64 18th instant

Java/London 8.79 1/4 18th instant.

New York/London 4.68.06 17th instant

London/New York 4.68.04 17th instant

London/Paris 176.73 17th instant.

London/Italy 89.00 17th instant.

London/Belgium 27.83 1/4 17th instant

London/Switzerland 20.87 1/4 17th instant

London/Berlin 11.69 17th instant

London/Stockholm 19.42 3/8 17th instant

London/Amsterdam 8.81 1/2 17th instant.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.

Gold £7-8-6 15th Instant.

Gold £7-8-6 1/2 17th instant

Silver London Ready 20 15th instant.

Silver London Ready 20 17th instant

Silver London Forward 19 3/4 15th instant.

Silver London Forward 19 3/4 17th instant

Silver New York Ready 43 5th instant.

Silver New York Ready 43 17th instant

London Discounts 3 months 1 5/8 per cent 15th instant.

London Discounts 3 months 1 5/8 per cent 17th instant.

London Discounts 6 months 2 1/2 per cent 15th instant

London Discounts 6 months 2 1/2 per cent 17th instant.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—

Call 1 1/2 per cent.

3 months 1 1/2 per cent.

6 months 1 1/2 per cent.

Tone: Steady

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, April 17.

Call Loan London	1/2
3 per cent	66 1/2
3 1/2 per cent	78 1/2
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	97 3/4
4 per cent 1948/53	102 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	XD.103 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	108 1/4
5 per cent 1942/47	105 1/4
3 per cent 1949/52	93 3/4
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	65 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	93 3/4
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	XD.103 1/2
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	34/4 1/2

Produce Receipts

Bombay, April 18.

Wheat	2,853 cwts.
Linseed	14,421 cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	34 cwts.
Poppyseed	20 cwts.
Groundnuts	7,078 cwts.
Castorseed	2,017 cwts.
Rice	10 525 cwts.
Myrabollams	341 cwts.
Cottonseed	2,359 cwts.
Gram	3,342 cwtc.
Joowar	2,250 cwts.
Bajree	672 cwts.
Indian Sugar	64 cwts.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 17.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£68 1/2
Indian Stock 3 per cent 1948	£66 1/2
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£78 1/2
Indian Stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	X.D. £103 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£65 3/4
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£92 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	£93 3/4
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	X.D. £103 1/2
Victory Bonds	£103 3/8
Chartered Bank of I.A and China	£7 3/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg.	£80
National Bank of India	£28 3/4

LINSEED OIL

London, April 17.

Linseed Oil naked London per cwt. May sellers	23/9
Linseed Oil naked London per cwt. July/Aug. sellers	23/9

Selling Pressure In Steel Shares

COTTON TEXTILE ISSUES MAINTAIN DOWNWARD TREND

Associated Cements Steady

BOMBAY: April 18.

Yesterday the good effect on the Wall-Street Market of rumours of a German-Polish Agreement on Danzig was erased by subsequent denial of these reports and the market closed easy. U. S. Steel shares declined dol. 1-1/2 at 47-5/8, while Anaconda Coppers lost dol. 1/2 at 23-1/8 and General Motors declined dol. 1-1/8 at 40-1/2.

The local market under the constant support and hard labour advanced to Rs. 1,222 for Tata Steel Dfds. Some two weeks back, but since then prices are sagging to lower levels with moderate long liquidation.

It is generally believed that American Steel Industry and our industry has no connection at present because European political developments have a direct influence over American trade, but our conditions are different. Under the plea of this special position Bulls are still hoping to see higher levels, but the action of the market does not justify realisation of hopes.

It will be seen that Professionals who were supporting the market during the recent rise are reported unloading their purchases and are feeding the market.

The old Bazar Bull clique seems to have no constructive interest and have hedged all their holdings of Steel shares. Thus making a rough estimate it will be seen that out of the total sales nearly 75 per cent. are against actual holdings and only 15 per cent. unprotected.

Among present holders of speculative contracts there are names of big parties, but they are not likely to play any untimely game in the face of disturbed European political situation.

This state indicates absence of considerable speculative interest and in due course most of the open interest will be evened up. Thus we will have narrow markets with a restricted turnover.

Tata Steel Dfd. shares opened to-day at Rs. 1,172 and declined to Rs. 1,162 on reported decrease in U. S. Steel production to 50.9 per cent. against 52.1 per cent. last week and 32.4 per cent. this week last year.

At the decline there was some short covering and with little support prices advanced to Rs. 1,180. At the rise there was renewed selling and prices eased off to Rs. 1,160. Cotton Mill shares were also quiet with scattered selling. There was slightly better enquiry for Associated Cement shares on reported new business and on rumours of favourable negotiations with rival concerns.

TEXTILE SHARES

BOMBAY, April 18

100	Ahmd. Advance	376 4
100	BOM. DYEING	747 8
100	CENTURY	199 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	199 0
100	COLABA	101 8
100	Coorla	95 0
250	Davia	75 0
250	Dawn	310 0
1	E. D. Sassoon	0 3 6
100	Finlay	91 8
100	GOKAK	122 0
1.000	Hindustan	1,705 0
100	Indore	46 8
100	Khatau	98 0
100	KOHINOOR	201 8
250	Laxmi	460 0
250	Madras United	350 0
100	Morarji	115 0
250	Model	39 8
50	MYSORE	82 8
200	NEW GREAT	176 0
100	Osmanshahi	40 0
100	PHOENIX	211 4
25	Sassoon Silk	68 0
1.000	Sholapur	3,200 0
50	SIMPLEX	65 0
100	SVADESHI	198 0
100	Swan	94 0
500	Vishnu	1050 0
1.000	Westerns	860 0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	110 0
25-50	Central	31 14
500	Imperial	1505 0
125-500	Imp. Conty.	365 0
50-100	India	136 8
100	Reserve Bank	109 4
5	Union	5-14-0

CEMENTS

100	Associated	118 8

INSURANCE

100	Empire	635 0
15-100	Jupiter	12 0
20	Mercantile	53 8
15-75	New India	33 4
200	Oriental	4,210 0
10-50	Vulcan	7 1 0

ELECTRIC

100	Ah. Old	137 8
1,000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1345 0
10	Ajmer	11 4
50	Bombay Tram	126 8
100	Bombay Suburban	141 4
10	Broach	10 6
100	Karachi	186 4
100	Poona	167 8
100	Surat	147 0
100	TATA HYDRO	144 8
1000	TATA POWERS	1211 4

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	958 12
100	C. Province	100 8
100	Dh. Baramati	101 8
100	Gujarat	96 8
100	Mandra Bhon	101 0
100	Pachora Jamner	87 0
100	Sara Serajganj	100 8
500	Tapti Valley	743 12

MININGS

9	Burma Corp. XD.	5 7
2sh.	Indian Copper	2 0
10	Indian Iron & Steel	22 12
10	Shivrajpur XD.	32 8
30	TATA STEEL DEFDS	1162 8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	253 0

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	318 0
10	Air Services	8 9
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	172 8
200	Bombay Safe Dep	793 12
250	BOMBAY STEAM	210 0
125	B BURMA	421 0
50	B. BURMA CONTY.	146 4
8sh	Br. B. Petrol	3 1 6
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	80 0
100	IND. BLEACHING	97 0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	40 3
100	I. Radio Defd.	390 0
100	I. Radio Ord.	345 0
100	Port Canning	68 4
30	Premier Con.	59 4
10	Scindia	16 13
25	Tata Oil Mill (nil)	36 8

PREFERENCE

5-1/2	Amalgamated (T.F.)	106 0
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1425 0
6	p.c Bombay Steam	285 0
7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	75 12
5	p. c Central India (T F)	567 8
6-1/4	p.c Prem. Const. 1st	104 0
6-1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	96 4
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	143 12
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1527 8
6	p.c Tata Steel 1st	205 10
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel second	155 8
7	p.c Vishnu	717 8

DEBENTURES

3-3/4	p.c. Andhra Valley	101 12
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	105 10
7	p.c Bombay Telephone	50 4
7	p.c. Sholapur	80 0
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	105 4

(Capital Letters indicate Shares on Forward List).

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, April 18.

Bombay Dyeing (750) 750 755 748 747/8

Century (202/8) 202 201 198

Central India (200/8) 199 201 200 199

Kohinoor (204) 202 205 203 202

New Great (178/8) 176 175 175

Simplex (66/8) 65/8 65

Swadeshi (199) 197 196 200 198

Associated Cement (116/12) 117/4 118/8 119/8 118/8

Andhra (1366/4) 1345

Tram. Ord (126/12) 126/12 126/8

Tata Hydro (145) 145 144/8

Tata Power (1217/8) 1215 1212 1215 1210 1211

T. Steel Dfd. (1180) 1172 1160 1172 1170 1180 1160 1162

T. Steel Ord. (255) 256 254 256 253

Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (155/8) 155/8

Bellapur (172/8) 172 171/8 172

B. Steam (210) 211 210

B. Burma (421/8) 420 424 420 421

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, April 17.

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following quotations of the New York Stock Exchange.

	Dol.
Electric Power and Light 7 p.c. Pfd	25
Electric Bond Common	7 7/8
Columbia Gas and Electric	6
United Corporation	2
Int. Tel. and Tel. 4 1/2 p.c. 1952	56
American Tel. and Tel.	153
Sun Life of Canada	385
Western Union Telg.	17 3/4
Great Northern Pfd.	19
Firestone Rubber	19
Firestone Rubber 6 p.c. Pfd.	101
Amrex Corporation	21 1/8
Texas Corporation	38 1/4
Union Carbon and Carbide	72 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor 5 p.c. Pfd.	45
United States Steel	47 5/8
United States Steel Pref.	110
Ludlum Steel	16
Republic Steel	15
United States Smelting	51
Anaconda Copper Mining	23 1/8
Int. Nickel of Canada	45 1/2
General Motors	40 1/2
General Electric	34 1/2
Eaton Manufacturing	20
Brooklyn Manhattan Transit	10
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2
Socony	11 3/4
Chase National Bank	29 1/2
National City Bank	23

Turnover 525,000 shares. Trading market; would buy on weak spots only. Steel production 50.9 p.c. against 52.1 p.c. last week and 32.4 p.c. same period 1938.

LONDON SEEDS

London, April 17.

Linseed La Plata Hull c.i.f. April sellers	11/3/9
Linseed Calcutta London c.i.f. April sellers	12/3/9
Linseed Bombay London c.i.f. April sellers	12/15/0
Rapeseed Toria April/May sellers	11/10/0
Castorseed Bombay Hull c.i.f. April/May sellers	10/5/0

LONDON RUBBER

London, April 17.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. sellers	8

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BOMBAY: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1939

Japanese Troops In Retreat

Chinese Enter Towns Near Canton

Heavy Japanese Losses: Chinese Air Force Helping Ground Forces

LONDON, April 17.

A THOUSAND JAPANESE WERE KILLED IN THE THREE-DAY BATTLE PRECEDING CHINESE ENTRY INTO THE TOWNS OF TSENGCHEN AND HUAHSIEN NEAR CANTON, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL TELEGRAM TO THE CHINESE EMBASSY.

It is claimed that the Japanese are being pursued southward on the Canton-Kowloon Railway from where Tsengchen is within striking distance some forty miles east of Canton. Huahsien is described as a base of operations along the Canton-Hankow Railway immediately north of Canton.

It is stated that approximately 4,000 Japanese were killed in about 340 engagements in eleven different provinces from Kwangtung to Chahar in the first half of April.

IT IS REPORTED FROM CHUNGKING THAT THE CHINESE AIR FORCE IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE GROUND FORCES ON SEVERAL FRONTS AND RAIDED THE JAPANESE AERODROME AT HANGCHEW.—REUTER'S SPECIAL.

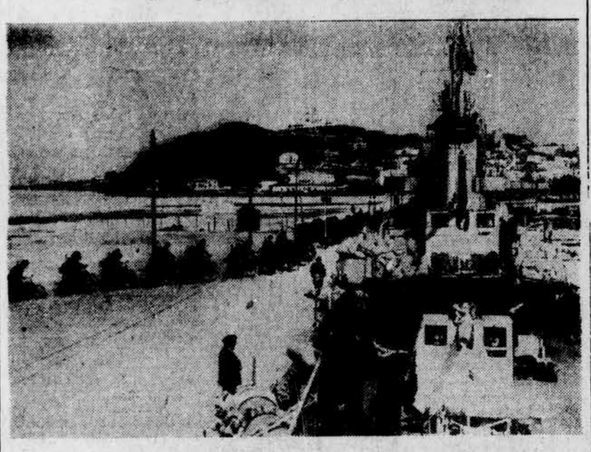
JAPANESE CAPTURE KULING

TOKYO, April 18.

The Japanese claim to have occupied Kuling, a famous mountain holiday resort near Kiukiang. A military despatch states that Chinese troops, which were holding out in the mountains, besieged for nearly a year have now been dispersed.—Reuter.

Italian invaders pour into Albania. Photo shows tanks being landed at Durazzo.

Fascist troops equipment being landed at Durazzo.



Italian Cycle troops marching to Tirana.

Haves v. Have-Nots

Poet Tagore's Warning To Exploited Nations

CALCUTTA, April 18.

That a new civilisation might grow in the near future out of the ruins of the present one, which is threatened with dissolution, was the hope expressed by Dr. Rabindranath Tagore in the course of an address delivered at the Bengali new year festival organised under the auspices of the Viswa-Bharati Sammelan yesterday.

Proceeding the Poet referred to the fierce strife between the "Haves" and "Have-nots" that is raging in the world to-day and to the constant threat offered by the powerful nations to the weaker ones.

WARNING TO EXPLOITERS.

"This is but preliminary to the dissolution of the present order of civilisation which carries within itself the seeds of its own decay," added the Poet. "England and France have been trying to foist the responsibility for all the present turmoil on others' shoulders. They believe union of the exploiters will serve to keep in check the growing demand of the oppressed peoples to have their own. These efforts are bound to fail. Humanity cannot suffer any more in silence. The immortal in man will assert itself over the threatening forces of death and ruin."—United Press.

COUNCIL OF STATE ADJOURNED

NEW DELHI, April 18.

The Council of State adjourned 'sine die' after passing by 24 votes to 11 the certified Tariff Bill embodying the Indo-British Trade Agreement, the Muslim League Party remaining neutral.—A.P.

Revenue Tribunal For Bombay

Shop Assistants' Bill Sent To Select Committee

PREMIER DEPRECATES PROGRESS PARTY LEADER'S ATTEMPT TO IMPUTE MOTIVES

Four official Bills were passed in the Bombay Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. The Hon. Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, the Speaker of the Assembly, was in the Chair.

The Premier, replying to the criticisms of the Shop Assistants' Bill, felt glad that many helpful suggestions had been made, all of which could be considered in the Select Committee. He repudiated "the uncalled-for suggestion" of the Leader of the Progress Party, when he doubted the genuineness of Government to apply the Bill and he, perhaps, sought to create an impression that the attempt was to win the elections. He gave a broad hint that the noise of hustings was frequently heard in the House.

He stated that the opinion whether one's eye was cocked to Wardha or it was cocked to Lancashire was quite irrelevant to the subject-matter of discussion. The Bill passed the first reading and was referred to a Select Committee, with instruction to report before August 21.

After three more Bills were disposed of, the Premier announced that the Rent Restriction Bill might be published the same night (on Tuesday night) or the next day. As far as Government was concerned that Bill and the Crossword Competitions Bill were the only two important ones and he was surprised at the unexpected quick transaction of work and hoped to see the end of the present session within a week.

REPLY TO CRITICISM

In strong terms the Prime Minister repudiated the uncalled-for remarks of Mr. Bramble and characterised the same as "gross exaggeration and misguided judgment of the situation" in the course of his reply to the criticisms on the Shop Assistants' Bill.

"It is much better that one's ears are pulled from Wardha than from Lancashire and Manchester," he added.

Mr. Kher, replied to the criticisms levelled against the Bill and thought that Mr. S. V. Parulekar was a "prophet of evil". He did not fear as Mr. Parulekar did that the Bill would be a dead letter.

He admitted that there were administrative difficulties in the application of the Bill and the Government thought it prudent to entrust the same to the local bodies which already had some kind of machinery to tackle such problems. He maintained that the Bill was in the interests of Society and it would do a lot of good.

Prime Minister's reference to Mr. Bramble as the last speaker on the subject provoked Mr. Wagh to intervene who insisted that he was the last speaker and that Mr. Bramble was "one but the last". (Laughter.)

After the Prime Minister's reply, the Bill was proposed to be referred to a Select Committee of 15, which was passed.

The first reading was passed and the Premier moved that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Supporting the motion to refer the Bill to the Select Committee, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta wanted to make a few observations with regard to the extra 120 hours of work, provided for in the Bill, with regard to the regulation of hours in commercial establishments.

JAMNADAS MEHTA'S SUGGESTIONS

The Speaker doubted whether it was competent for him to allow something which did not seem to be within the scope of the motion before the House. He did not want to set up a precedent by allowing Mr. Mehta's point to be exposed to much wider scope than it could be really given.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta stated that if the chair gave a ruling as a result of which he would not make the observations he wanted to make, then he could get behind the ruling by moving for the circulation of the Bill for eliciting public opinion and then make these observations.

The Speaker reiterated his difficulty, saying whether it was permissible for any member to put forward any suggestions about the Bill when it had been moved to a Select Committee for a report.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta asserted that a member could do so, as the Select Committee was to report and the suggestions of those members who might not be in the Select Committee might be considered in that Committee.

When the Premier was called upon to explain his view on the matter, he stated that Mr. Mehta could not change fronts, because he rose to support the motion and by further intending to move for the circulation, he could not take up a different stand altogether.

Mr. Mehta retorted in such an eventuality it would be left to the Speaker to give his ruling but on that particular subject there could be nothing to come in his way for making his suggestions, in the light of the discussion.

The Speaker without giving any ruling in order that a precedent might not be set up, allowed Mr. Mehta to make his suggestions, whereupon Mr. Mehta stated that there should not have been the extra 120 hours' a week as stock-taking, and other activities mentioned in the Bill could not last for such long period, as it was made to believe. He suggested that only 50 or 60 hours might be allowed as extra hours. He did not agree that the fines collected in the administrative work should be given to Government when the work itself had to be borne by the local body.

REVENUE TRIBUNAL BILL

Mr. Morarji Desai, Revenue Minister, then, introduced the Bill to provide for the constitution of a Revenue Tribunal for the Province of Bombay. The object of the Bill was to replace the temporary tribunal by a permanent one. The number and qualifications of members of the tribunal have not been laid down in the Bill but will be prescribed by rules. It is, however, intended that the tribunal shall be presided over by an officer who has held a high judicial office and that at least one of its members shall be a Senior Revenue Officer. The jurisdiction of the tribunal will extend to all revenue cases.

The present move, the Minister stated, while introducing the Bill, was in consonance with the spirit

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Bombay Council

JUDICIAL POWERS FOR VILLAGE BENCHES

Two Readings Of Panchayats Bill Passed

SAFEGUARDS AGAINST MISUSE OF POWERS: PATIL'S ASSURANCE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Bombay Legislative Council which had an unusually long sitting to-day, passed the first two readings of the Bombay Village Panchayats (Amendment) Bill which seeks to establish Panchayats in every village with a population of not less than 2,000 and also Village Benches with judicial powers to try civil and criminal cases.

The Opposition members with the exception of one who took part in the debate to-day, supported the main provisions of the Bill.

Prof. S. R. Davar said that no one would really disagree with the principle underlying the measure. But there were two points on which he and his colleagues in the Opposition disagreed with the Government. The first point was regarding the provision in the Bill for the compulsory establishment of Village Benches with judicial powers.

The Hon. Mr. L. M. Patil sponsor of the Bill, met all the points raised by the Opposition in a very effective manner. He said that the Government's aim in amending the Panchayats Act of 1933 was to democratise the Panchayats and better the life in villages. He pointed out how Village Panchayats in Baroda and other States had proved a great success. Regarding the apprehensions entertained by the Opposition that Village Benches would misuse their powers, Mr. Patil referred to the different sections in the Bill which were intended to serve as a check on the Benches.

Dr Deodhekar was the only Opposition member to condemn the Bill in 'toto' said that the Government had committed an error in abolishing Taluka Local Boards.

Dr. Deodhekar was of opinion that the present measure did not remove the defects in the Panchayats Act of 1933. The reservation by Government of the right to appoint Secretaries was a definite departure from democratic principles.

Mr. S. C. Joshi lent his support to the main provisions of the Bill which he said were quite sound. But he was of opinion that it was too premature to establish in every village, Benches invested with judicial powers to try criminal and civil cases. The Act of 1933, said Mr. Joshi had provided for the establishment of village Benches in case the Government was satisfied that there would be no miscarriage of justice. In spite of this provision, very few Benches had been established. Mr. Joshi wished to know from Government why the provision had not been given effect to expect in very few cases.

Mr. Pradhan in supporting the Bill said that Dr. Deodhekar was not justified in condemning the Bill 'in toto.' But the principle underlying the measure was one that appealed to all who had the interests of the villager at heart.

Mr. Pradhan said that the Bill as a whole was an excellent one and wished to congratulate Government for having sponsored it in the best interest of the villages.

Prof. S. R. Davar said that no one would disagree with the principles of the Bill. But there were certain provisions which in his opinion were not quite sound. Giving judicial powers to village Benches, he said, would not be in the best interests of the villagers. It was common knowledge how indifferently honorary magistrates administered justice.

Prof. Davar was of opinion that village panchayats should be allowed the liberty of having Secretaries of their own choice.

Dr. Mahajani spoke in support of the main provisions of the Bill. But he said that it was not advisable to establish village Benches compulsory in every village.

PATIL'S REPLY

Replying to the objections from the Opposition, the Hon. Mr. L. M. Patil said that while the Government was anxious to democratise the panchayats, sufficient care had been taken to provide in the Bill, necessary safeguards against misuse of power by the panchayats or the Benches. The vil-

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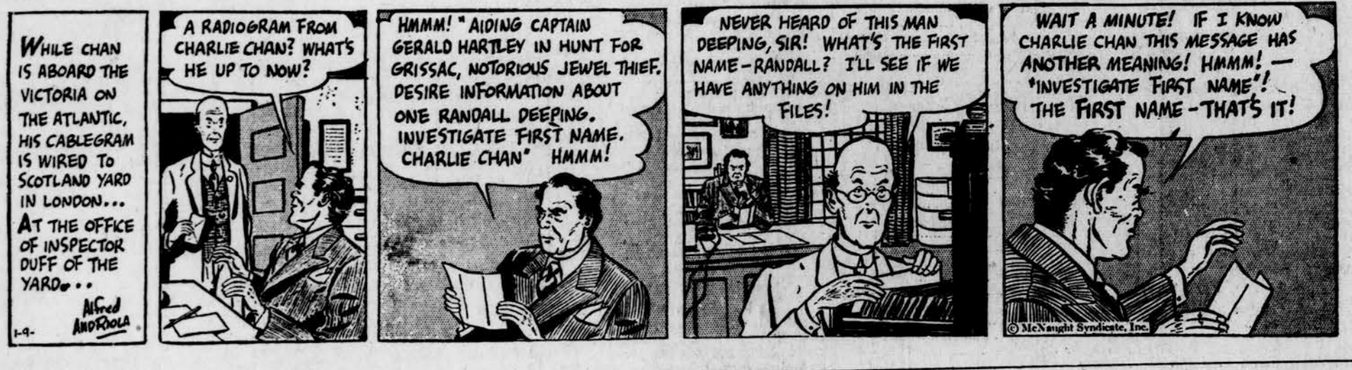
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